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"WE CANNOT PRETEND THIS WAR IS NOT OUR BUSINESS"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, JAN. 3 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THIS AFTERNOON DELIVERED WHAT WAS, IF HE DOES NOT BREAK PRECEDENT BY SEEKING RE-ELECTION FOR THE THIRD TIME, HIS PENULTIMATE ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. THE UNITED STATES, HE DECLARED, WILL KEEP OUT OF WAR.

"An overwhelming majority of Americans have not abandoned the hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in the European War in a military sense," he said. "But there is a vast difference from keeping out of war and pretending that this war is none of our business."

"We don't have to go to war. But at least we can arrive with other nations to encourage the kind of peace that will lighten the troubles of the world."

ACTION FOR PEACE

"The United States must be an active and powerful influence in seeking the re-establishment of peace."

"The war in Europe arose from mismanagement of social and economic forces, causing a revolution against dictatorship."

"We must continue our preparations, and I urge substantial defence appropriations, based not on panic but on common sense."

The President enumerated the increased taxes which he recommended for national defence.

Practically all the Government's expenses, with the exception of those for national defence would be reduced in 1941, he forecast, but added the warning that the problem of the unemployed still remained unsolved.

"Our programme of social improvement must be carried on to preserve the gains we have already made and to provide jobs and a living wage for the unemployed."

DICTATORS V. DEMOCRACY

"I ask all Americans to look ahead and see the first possibilities for our children in a world, the rest of which is dominated by concentrated force alone."

"I ask Americans to envisage the second effect on our future if the small nations of the world are shorn of their independence by military systems."

"I ask Americans to see ahead the kind of lives our children will lead if much of the rest of the world is compelled to worship a god imposed by military rule or is forbidden to worship at all, or is deceived of true news."

"I ask Americans to see the fourth effect on our future if world trade is controlled by military force by any nation or group of nations."

"Modern man can no longer live a civilised life if we are to go back to the practice of wars and conquests of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries."

"When the time comes, the United States must use its influence to open the trade channels of the world, in order that no nations will need feel compelled in later days to seek by force of arms what can well be gained by peaceful conference."

"I emphasise the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace. Such influence will be greatly weakened if this Government becomes the dog in the manger of trade selfishness."

No Alliances

"I re-commit myself to the policy of no entangling alliances for my country."

"But I must add the warning that it becomes clearer and clearer that the future world will be a shabby and a dangerous place in which to live—even for Americans to live in—unless it is ruled by force in the hands of a few."

Chinese Flag Re-Hoisted At Shumchun



SHUCHUN, Hongkong border city which has been in the hands of the Japanese, has been re-entered by Chinese troops. Photograph shows Chinese standing to attention as the national flag is hoisted.

FINNISH WAR

DEFENDERS MAINTAIN OFFENSIVE

Russians Hard Pressed In Arctic Regions

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The weather in Southern Finland cleared to-day and, taking advantage of this, Soviet aircraft bombed the port of Hango. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

There is little fighting around the Mannerheim Line, but between Lake Ladoga and the Polar front, one Russian division has been surrounded and is desperately trying to fight its way out.

Reports of a Russian retreat towards Petsamo continue to come in, and there seems little doubt that the Finns have the initiative in this area. Neutral observers state that the Finns are in a better strategic position to-day than they have been at any time since the Soviet invasion began. At one point, indeed, operations are being carried out on Russian soil.

Since the beginning of the war, the Finnish news agency reports, the Soviets have lost 400 tanks and 150 planes.

Attack Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué states that the Soviets have launched a fierce infantry attack after artillery preparation on the Tsinghai River.

The Finns repulsed the attack with great loss to the Russians. At Alttijoki, the Finns destroyed a Russian company supported by machine guns.

On the Suomussalmi front, near Raeti, the Finns destroyed five Russian tanks and two armoured cars. In the Junturanta sector, the Finns reached the left bank of the River Kokkojärvi.

Tell It To The Finns
MOSCOW, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—For outstanding services in fighting and PLEASE Turn To Page 2.



THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED to Hongkong's only rail connection with the outside world. Across the border from Louisa, miles of railway track have disappeared, torn up by Chinese guerrillas in order to prevent the line being used by the Japanese.

Graf Spee Conqueror Receives warm welcome

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—An extremely warm welcome was given to H.M.S. Ajax when she arrived here to-day on a 48-hour courtesy visit.

The Ajax fired a salvo when she was two miles out of port and this was returned by the Montevideo marine arsenal.

Two special tugs led her to the berth vacated by the cruiser, Uruguay, while ships sounded their sirens and a crowd of thousands of Uruguayans and members of the British colony cheered themselves hoarse.

Observers state that the Ajax shows no traces of her battle with the Graf Spee, whose battered hull she passed on her way into Montevideo. Large crowds broke through the police cordons time and again. The British Minister to Uruguay and members of the Legation staff went on board and were received by Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood and his officers.

To-day, 200 of the crew went out to the Polo Club for a picnic as guest of the Pro-Ally Committee, and another 200 will be similarly entertained to-morrow. Rear Admiral Harwood and his officers are guests of the British Legation.

DE VALERA PLEADS

Death Sentence On I.R.A. Murderers

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Eamon de Valera has made representations to the British Government with regard to the sentences of death passed on December 14 on two Irishmen.

They were found guilty of murdering a British soldier, one of five victims of an explosion at Coventry on August 23.

This is disclosed in a letter from Mr. de Valera, read at a meeting to-day in Dublin, County Cork, Urban Council, which had previously adopted a resolution urging Mr. de Valera to request commutation of the sentences to penal servitude for life.

Further Turkish Quakes Cause Panic

ANKARA, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Fresh tremors were felt in Southern Anatolia to-day.

Several hundreds of buildings collapsed and many more panic-stricken people have been rendered homeless.

Fortunately the death toll is believed to have been small.

This is because the quakes came in the daytime and the people had time to rush out of their houses before the buildings fell in and collapsed.

Floods persist and the River Euphrates is causing great damage, while villages are swept away. Its waters are still rising.

President Inonu is completing preparations for a tour of the entire devastated area.

Europe's Cold Wave

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Bad weather is striking other parts of Europe besides Turkey.

In Southern Spain, violent rains are falling and at least one river has risen 30 feet.

In Central Europe, great hardship is being caused by the extreme cold. In Rumania, a temperature of 56 degrees below freezing point is reported.

British Offer

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Government has offered to put a hospital ship at the disposal of the Turkish Government.

The latter has replied, expressing gratitude and stating that it will accept the offer should the need arise.

LATEST

Manslaughter Charge

Sequel To Fatality In Bonham Road

LIEUTENANT THOMAS PARKINSON, 51, Quartermaster of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was charged with manslaughter at the Central Magistrate's court this morning.

A summons of seven days was granted after formal evidence had been tendered by the Crown. Bail of \$100 was permitted.

The accident is alleged to have happened near the intersection with Breezy Path.

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GODOWN BLAZE QUELLED

QUICK WORK by the Central Fire Brigade under its Superintendent, Mr. J. C. FitzHenry, prevented what might have been a serious outbreak in an extra-hazardous godown in Connaught Road West this morning.

The godown, which is the property of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, was filled with matches packed in bulk, cotton wool and bins.

The fire brigade was on the spot within a few minutes of the alarm being raised by the watch-keeper, and had the blaze under control within half-an-hour. The godown was gutted, but the flames were prevented from spreading to adjoining godowns.

The outbreak was accidentally discovered by the watch-keeper, who visited the godown shortly before 9.30 a.m. to obtain samples for a client.

Tram and other vehicular traffic to and from Kennedy Town was held up for 40 minutes as a result of the outbreak.

See Back Page For Further Late News

\$272,000,000 Wanted For U.S. Defences

President's Request To Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has asked Congress to immediately appropriate \$272,000,000 in order to safeguard America's neutrality and to strengthen national defence.

The request was made in a letter to Mr. William Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Roosevelt explains that the appropriation would supplement the funds previously made available for the departments of War, Navy, Justice and Coast Guards for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1940.

NAVY PRECAUTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Charles Edison, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Navy, has asked Congress to empower President Roosevelt, "should a national emergency arise," to procure ships and materials and to commandeer factories and the like.

Mr. Edison describes the proposals as a precautionary move in a letter to Congress and points out that President Wilson was granted similar powers in March, 1917, a month before America entered the war.

Mr. Edison adds that the request does not anticipate that the United States will be involved in war.

"LORD HAW" TELLS A FUNNY ONE

Boy Scouts Blamed For Sabotage!

LONDON, Jan. 3 (British Wireless).—The commentator facetiously known as "Lord Haw" owing to his mannerisms, who nightly addresses the English public from the German Radio Station and whose comments on affairs are mainly distinguished by grotesque misrepresentations, last night made himself responsible for the following observation:

"Sabotage in Czechoslovak factories is due to the evil influence of British Boy Scouts. This is the conclusion of Yugo-Slav observers, which is being freely mentioned in Belgrade. They point out that companies of these alleged Boy Scouts were accustomed to camp in the areas where sabotage has occurred, and they took advantage of the opportunity to spread anti-German feeling among the local population."

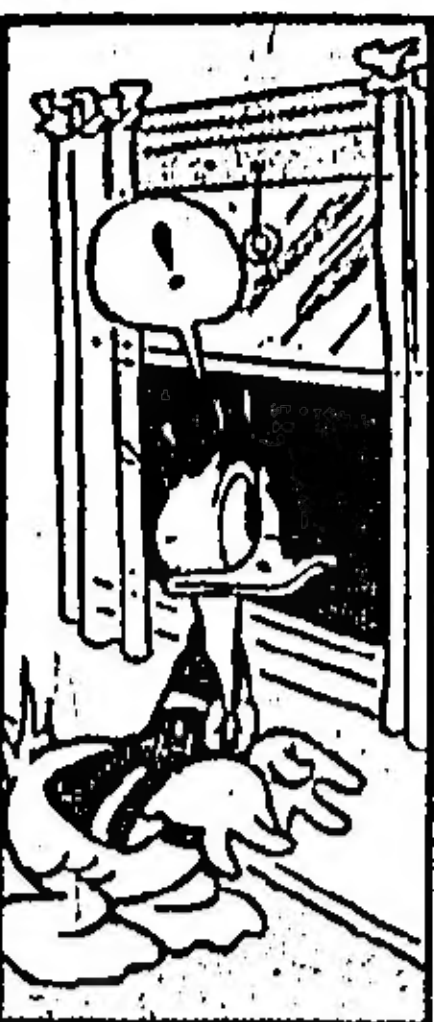
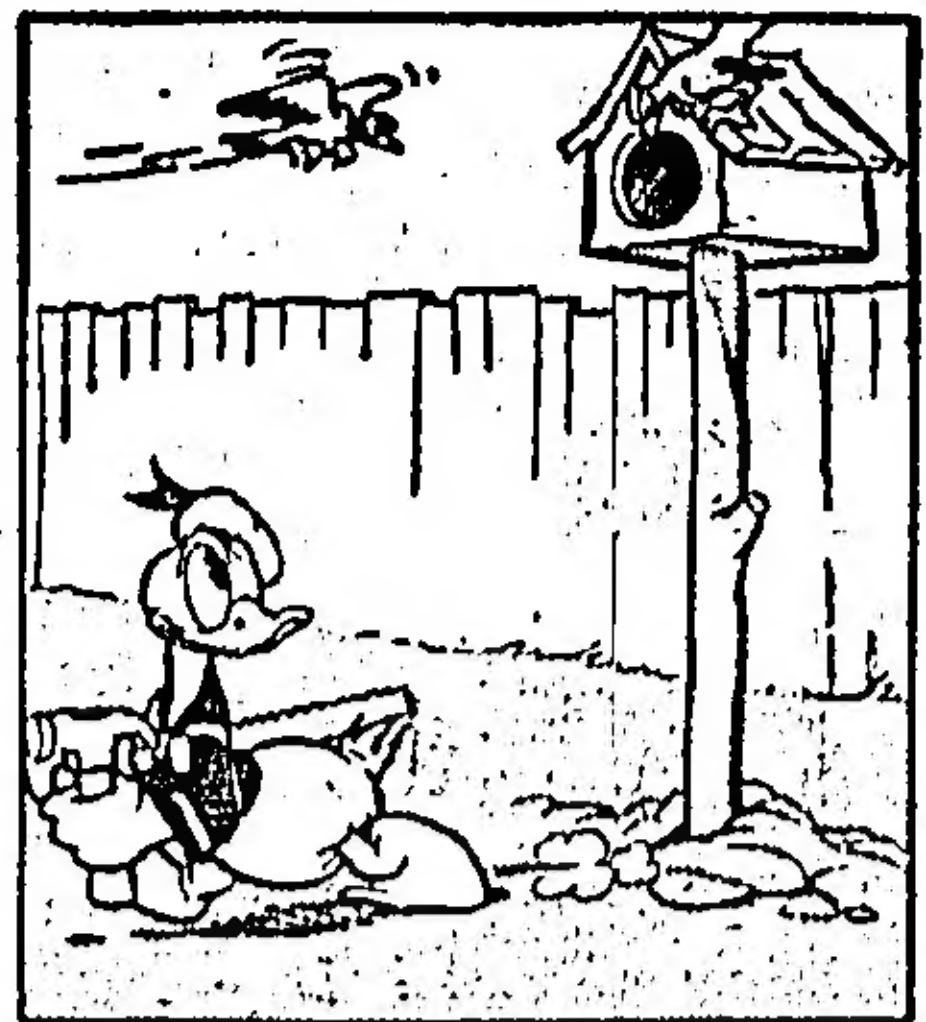
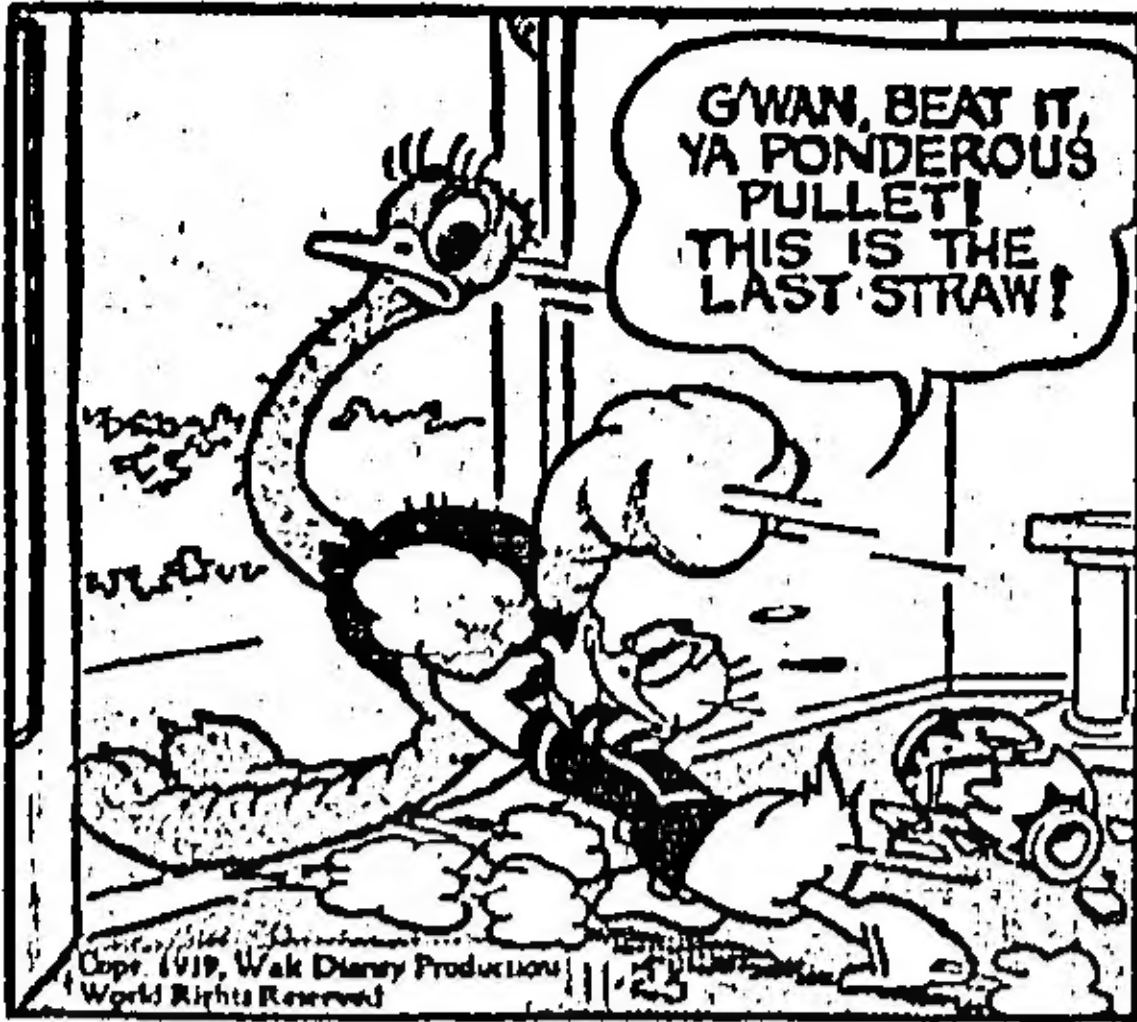
Foreign Policy Approved

ANKARA, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Turkey's foreign policy was approved by a meeting of the People's Party of the Parliamentary Group on Tuesday night.

The Foreign Minister addressed the meeting in a two-hour speech.

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Burma Expedition Makes New Discovery

FAR EAST SEEN AS "MANKIND'S CRADLE"

PHILADELPHIA.—Further evidence that South-eastern Asia was the most likely "cradle of mankind," was presented before the autumn meeting of the American Philosophical Society.

Helmut Deterra, formerly of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, gave a preliminary report of his expedition to Burma under a grant from the Philosophical Society, asserting that tools and weapons of very ancient origin had been found which must have been contemporary to both Pithecanthropus (Java man) and Sinanthropus (Peking man).

These are the oldest distinctly human remains found and have been dated at approximately 1,000,000 years.

Opinion favours the theory that although Peking man is very primitive and possessed of only a low grade intelligence, both may have existed at the same time just as there are variations in head size and human knowledge among the inhabitants of earth to-day.

Form vs. Usefulness

"The type of tool we found is so primitive," Mr. Deterra said, "as to confirm the theory of low grade intelligence corresponding to the crude mental status of Peking man. Rather than form, which occupied the attention of later races in Africa and Europe, the technique employed by these most ancient of Asiatic tool-making races purposed immediate usefulness."

The explorer told also of finding parallels of the same kind of stone age culture in Northern India, in Java, and in China, "wherefore his surmise that the most ancient tool-making originated in Southeastern Asia from which it spread to various lands."

The first remains attributed to Pithecanthropus were found in Java more than half a century ago by a Dutch paleontologist, Eugene Dubois. The race, at least the portion living in Java, was wiped out by volcanic eruption 1,000,000 years ago. Throughout the centuries 32 active volcanoes have built up layers of ash and mud to an average depth of 80 feet.

But during the comparatively recent rising of the land, the Solo River slowly cut away the debris and it was along the banks of this stream, now having eroded the surface to where it was before the eruptions, that many valuable finds are being made.

Migration Of Horse

In his talk before the society Mr. Deterra told of a number of veritable fossils he uncovered among ancient river formations in Upper Burma. Probably the most important of these finds were of the horse. He thereby definitely establishes its migration to tropical Southern Asia at this early date. What makes the story of the horse peculiarly interesting is the fact that its remains are found in the ancient rocks of America as far back as the Eocene period when the "dawn-horse" was a five-toed creature about the size of a dog.

A further complication of the picture is found in the knowledge that after the horse migrated to other parts of the world in comparatively recent times, it became extinct in America. The so-called wild horses of the American west, captured and trained by the early pioneers, are said to have been the descendants of horses brought to America by Coronado and the Spanish Conquistadores.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Little Tough Guy in Society" (Oriental). The half-dozens boys, who appear with such success in "Dead End" again take the leading roles in this film. In a country house a wealthy and pampered young boy refuses to leave his bed. A psychiatrist is called in and on his advice six young boys of the street are brought from the East side of New York to encourage the voluntary invalid to behave like a normal healthy child. Needless to say, the "little tough guys" make short work of the American Paediatrician.

As They See It Abroad



"If the first caveman came back" ("Pittsburgh Post Gazette," U.S.A.)

Goering's Hopes As New Fuehrer

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER

DOES Goering think he would be acceptable to the Allies as an alternative to Hitler?

Well-informed neutral diplomats believe that he is under this impression and is acting accordingly.

They say that Goering is convinced he has a chance where Hitler failed—to secure peace for Germany in the near future and save his country from inevitable economic catastrophe.

That, they declare, accounts for the repeated warnings in the newspapers controlled by him that the blockade is confronting Germany with a serious problem and that the country is feeling the pinch already.

These admissions are in sharp contrast to the everything in the leader's lovely boasts of the official Nazi "Voelkischer Beobachter."

ACCORDING to reliable information Goering has been suffering from this "Crown-Prince" complex ever since Hitler nominated him as successor in the leadership of Germany.

In Schorfelde, Goering's country estate, a Nazi shadow Government is functioning. Goering holds court there surrounded by a few generals and industrial leaders.

Whatever their plans, they must be distasteful to Hitler who is said to regret the announcement of his dramatic political testament at the outbreak of the war.

He cannot play off Goering against Hitler and both of them against Hitler any longer.

And he cannot drop his successor. "ENEMIES in your rear!" With this warning the "Voelkischer Beobachter" continues a hate campaign against British prisoners of war in Germany which was launched with an official caution against them.

Push-And-Pull On Border

WASHINGTON Government officials ruled recently that American warplanes bought by the French, British and Canadian Governments could not be flown to Canada under their own power, and could not take off from American soil for flights across the Atlantic.

Under international law, it was ruled, this would constitute an armed expedition.

Experts agreed, however, that there was nothing to prevent planes being flown to the Canadian border and being pushed or pulled across the border without being dismantled.

Once an American plane is across the border there is nothing to prevent it being flown across the Atlantic.

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1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press. Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Negro Spirituals.
1.55 Dance Music.
2.15 Close down.
5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.
6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Moreton & Kaye on Two Pianos.
7.0 Ambrose and His Orchestra.
7.15 Studio—Talk by Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical

Services, "Campaign against Tuberculosis."

7.30 London Relay—The News.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Rina Ketty (Vocal) in a Light French Programme with L'Accordeoniste Alexander.

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8.30 Concert Waltzes.
Spring Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz Nette (arr. Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orchestra; My Darling Waltz (The Gypsy Baron—Strauss)... Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "The Psychology of the War."
9.05 Roger Quilter—Three English Dances.
New Light Symphony Orchestra.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
9.24 Selections from "The Bohemian Girl," "A Country Girl" and "The Quaker Girl."
9.45 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ). Zampa (Merold); Carducci—Selection; That Certain Age—Selection; Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll (Brown).

10.0 An hour of Dance Music.
11.0 Close down.

EUROPEAN TACKLES ROBBERS

Shanghai, Jan. 3.

The superintendent of the China Car and Foundry Company, Mr. John R. Nielson, was attacked in his office by six Chinese thugs, armed with Mausers and hand grenades. They demanded Mr. Nielson to hand over the pay roll of Yuan 8,000. It is believed that the thugs were strike agitators.

Mr. Nielson seized the gun of the nearest assailant, whereupon the other surprised thugs dashed to the door. The last man threw a hand grenade. It did not explode.

Mr. Nielson chased the fleeing thugs and grappled with one of them. He took a gun from another and chased away the last thug, who pumped shots at Mr. Nielson at close range, but did not hit him.

Three hundred employees were huddled at one end of the compound and watched the thugs escape.—United Press.

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1890.
Governor-dea Voeux will in all probability, leave here for home next March, and his return is uncertain. His Excellency's health has, unfortunately, not been so satisfactory as could have been wished. Hongkong will greatly miss one of the ablest and most conscientious rulers that has ever controlled the destinies of the colony.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1915.
The first contingent will leave Hongkong on January 20. Intending recruits must be finally accepted before Jan. 10, if they wish to proceed with the first contingent.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to nine officers, non-commissioned officers and men, who have distinguished themselves by their services with the Expeditionary Force.

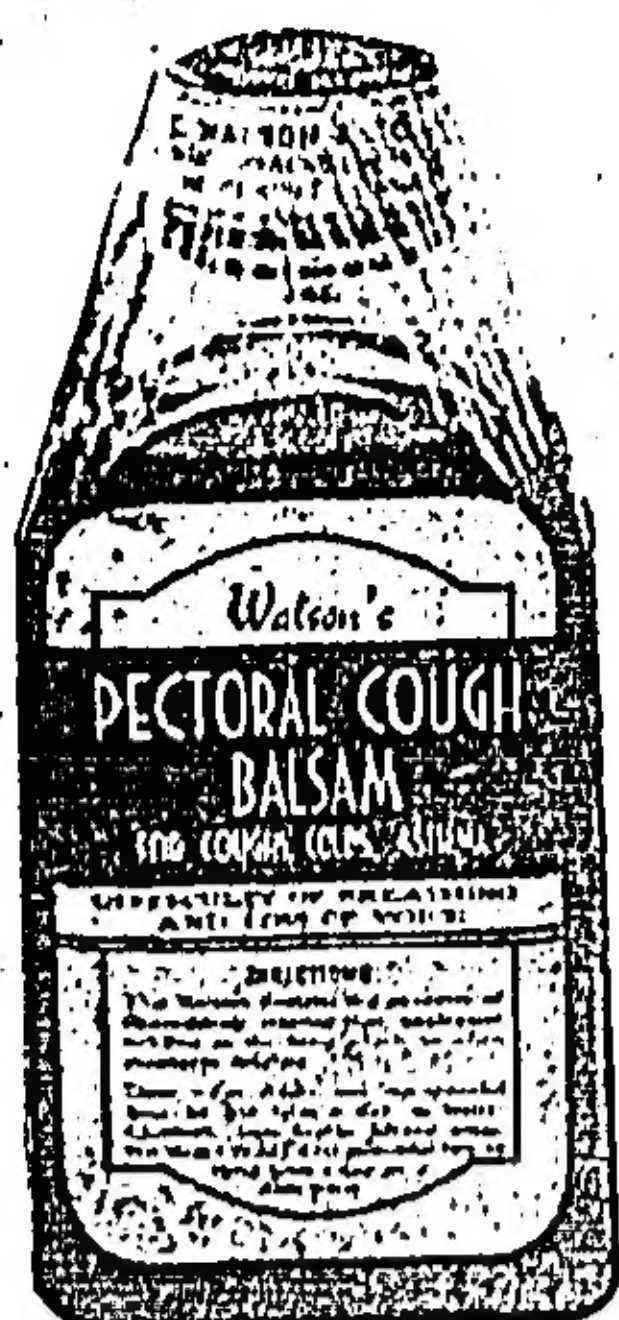
10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1930.
The members and officials of the Rent Problem Committee held their eighth meeting at the big hall of the 24 Trade Guilds Association last night.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1935.
The Abyssinian Government has lodged a telegraphic appeal with the League of Nations, alleging that Italian troops are massing near the town of Gondar and that they attacked the Abyssinian garrison there on December 28.

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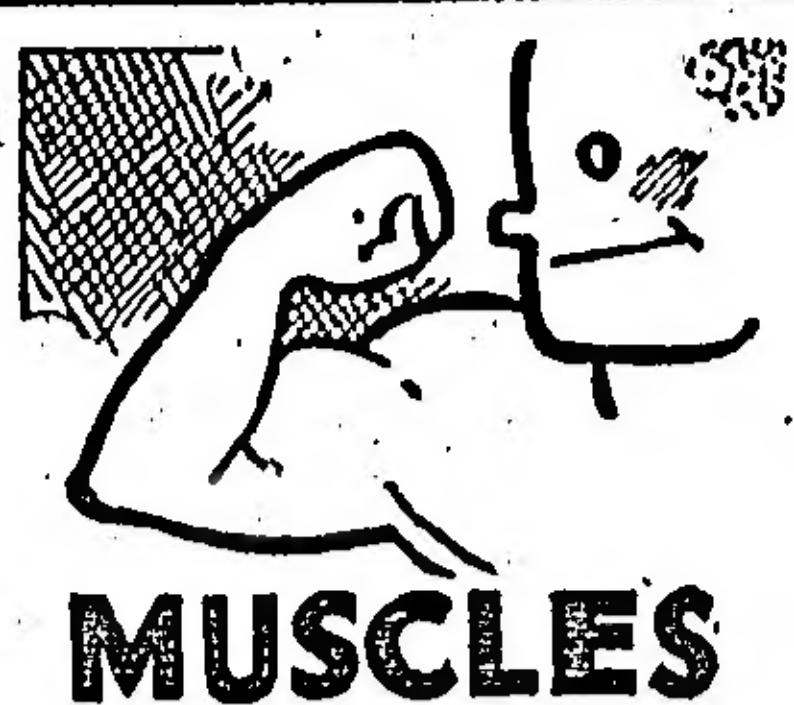
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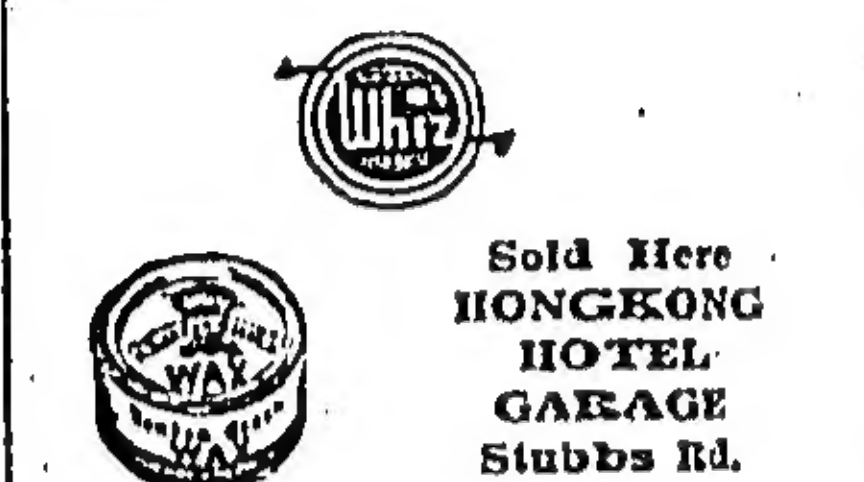
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Beating The Bomber?

THIS is a war of paradoxes.
Russian brands Britain and
France as aggressors for doing
what it has been urging them to
do for years. For weeks the
world's mightiest armies face
each other without any fighting
worth talking of taking place. It
is therefore perhaps not surpris-
ing that the claim of Dr. Goeb-
bel's Propaganda Ministry that
fifty per cent of the British air-
planes which raided Wilhelm-
shaven and Cuxhaven were
brought down tells heavily
against Germany's chances of
ultimate success.From the British point of
view these raids were highly
successful; but no attempt has
been made to deny that the at-
tacking force suffered heavy
losses. Heavy losses, too, have
been inflicted upon German air-
planes striving to bomb the
English coast. And a German
bomber was brought down by
the Royal Air Force Patrol be-
fore it reached British shores.These German losses have
been ascribed to marked superi-
ority in the British fighter
planes. But the more considered
and generally accepted view is
that air defence is to-day so well
organised and efficient that,
both in Germany and in Britain,
it has got the upper hand over
the attack.Subsequent events may cause
this judgment to be revised.
But so far, it is the logical con-
clusion from the course the war
has taken.Manifestly it is a conclusion
greatly to the advantage of the
Allies. It is not they, but Ger-
many, whose power is built on
an assumption of the overwhelm-
ing striking force of airplanes.It is not they, but Germany,
who will suffer most if this
striking power be neutralised.If, in fact, the bomber cannot
always get through, Germany
will have lost the advantage
upon which she very largely re-
lies.Warfare in
The Arctic
CircleTHE SCENE of to-day's
fighting in Finnish Lap-
land, where Soviet troops
and Finns struggle for pos-
session of the Arctic Road,
is not familiar to many.A few fishermen of vary-
ing nationalities go there
during happier times to
catch the salmon and trout
that abound in the lakes and
rivers. A handful of mo-
torists take their cars upthe sandy high-
way from the
Arctic Circle,
where the Hel-
singfors - Rovaniemi railway
ends, to Liinahamari, the ice-
free harbour on the Arctic
Ocean.At intervals all the way up the
road are little red wooden
hotels, charmingly furnished,
where in summer students from
the University, speaking several
languages, look after the com-
fort of tourists and of
passengers from the twice-a-day
buses, that take two days over
the full journey.THE southern half of the road
is pretty but monotonous.
Endless fir-forests completely
cover the rolling countryside.
Here and there a river cuts the
road and while unfrozen must
be crossed on a floating plat-
form that is propelled by hook-
ing notched billets of wood on
the wires that stretch from bank
to bank. But beyond Ivalo,
which boasts a tiny hospital, a
hotel and a few shops, the
scenery improves. The enorm-
ous lake of Inari can be seen be-
tween the trees, with its
thousand little islands.At Salmijarvi and Pitkajarvi
where battles are now being
fought, is the grandest stretch
of country to be seen. Pitk-
shaven and Cuxhaven were
brought down tells heavily
against Germany's chances of
ultimate success.North of this point trees
gradually grow fewer and
smaller. The next stop on the
bus route is Ylaluostari, where
there is a small Russian monas-
tery and an inn. Some miles
further on is Alaluostari, where
there is another Russian church.
Then there are no more signs
of human life until Liinahamari
is reached.Because this harbour remains
open throughout the severest
winter it was rapidly becoming
quite a settlement. A large inn,
a petrol station, several dwell-
ing-houses and godowns were
there when I last visited it five
years ago and by now it must
be very much enlarged. All this
tract of land north of Pitkajarvi
is called Petsamo, so when the
Soviets claim to have conquered
or captured it, it is probably an
exaggeration.Progress by troops over
this sort of heavily wood-
ed country is of necessity
difficult... almost insuper-
ably difficult in summer. Great
treacherous swamps called "mos-
sas" cover low-lying land
between lakes and can only then
be crossed by those who know
them well. In winter, of course,
the ice and snow make them
safe and with their lack of
trees they prove, like the ice-
bound lakes, the only places
where progress on skis is at all
swift.FINNISH skis have, as a rule,
none of the complicated
harness needed by skiers in
mountainous districts. A sim-
ple strap allows a curly-toed
boot to be slipped in and out ata moment's notice, once in, this
same curly toe keeps it in place.
In the forests it is more con-
venient to carry them than to
manoeuvre them through the
close-growing trees.Fighters in this Northern
land these days never see the
sun. In fact all this month
they will probably see no day-
light.Between noon and 3 p.m. a
rosy glow on the horizon lights
up the snow in a theatrical and
romantic way.During the
night the glories
of the shimmer-
ing sea-green
and pink Aurora
Borealis may
thrill them in
the Northern
land.THE NATIVE inhabitants of
the country suffer, we can
hope, possibly less than refugees
of any other race because they
are a nomadic people.The little Lapp, most timid
and harmless of souls, travels
hundreds of miles every winter
after new feeding-grounds for
the reindeer that are his wealth.
Living in their pointed skin
tents, they settle a while round
some place where their beasts
can hoof away the snow and
browse on the moss they love.
The men spear holes in the ice
of the lake and fish under con-
ditions freezing enough to deter
the toughest of Messrs. Hardy's
customers. Then, the feeding
ground laid waste, they move on
with all their belongings to the
next suitable spot.It is only in summer, when their
reindeer are turned loose to range
at will over the whole country, that
the Lapp stays any length of time in
one place and even then he makes many
excursions in his skin canoes, in-
cluding one grand trek down to
Rovaniemi to sell the skins collected
during the winter.The reindeer provides the Lapp
with his winter clothing of skin and
fur—a hood, a cloak, huge mitts,
and loose fur stockings to tuck into
his soft, high boots. These are also
stuffed with straw against frost-bite.
Reindeer horn provides his wife
with needles and weaving-shuttles
and with pins for her hair. His
children drink reindeer milk and his
feasts are of reindeer meat.
Then, too, he pulls as many as
necessary of his reindeer to act as
transport animals. He and all his
family and their luggage travel over
the snow in "pulikas". These are
narrow, boat-shaped sleighs holding
one person only. Once in, you are
in for good, so to speak. Should
your very wild pulka decide to run
away, you may turn somersaults and
be dashed from rock to rock on the
very hard ground but you cannot get
out unless you cut the traces and let
him go. If you annoy your rein-
deer he may turn round and try to
gore you, pulka and all. But sup-
posing you get a docile beast, the
motion is pleasant. He can attain
quite a considerable speed with his
clumsy, lolling gait, and cover
many dozen miles a day under good
conditions.BESIDE the native Lapp, many
Finns have settled up in the
northernmost parts of their country
and the loss of their farms and
villages, burnt by retreating armies,
will cause terrible suffering.Farmers and wood-cutters in these
desolate regions lead at the best of
times an extremely hard life.
During the short summer, tor-
mented by mosquitoes, they must
work 24 hours a day in their fields
to collect green stuff for themselves
and hay to feed their beasts during
the 7 or 8 months of snow.In the winter, apart from trapping,
there is little that can be done out-of-
doors. Those who can afford it
often move down to Rovaniemi for
the winter, returning to their farms
at the first sign of thaw.It is these hardy men who are
fighting on their own ground to keep
their own country.It would be difficult to find a more
determined adversary than the Finn
with that inborn quality of "sisu"
that quality which prevents a man
from giving up despite privation and
exhaustion.Should the Soviet, with her over-
whelmingly superior numbers, over-
run his country, she will find that
even then she is very far from any
kind of real or successful victory.

This is the Story of

AH MOOI

AH MOOI was six years
old, small and golden
brown, slender and
with a mouth like a folded
flower.One lovely morning, when
all the rice had been gather-
ed and when Ah Mooi's
mother had a little time to
spare, she called Ah Mooi.Ah Mooi knew why she had
been called. For days she had
been so happy and excited,
(though no one would have
guessed this; Chinese children
are usually so grave and
tranquil) for she had been pro-
mised that soon she was to
begin to carry Ah Tai ("Little
Brother") on her back.FOR some months Ah Mooi had
been prepared for this.
Sometimes several sticks would
be fastened to her back, then an
old doll and later a bundle; and
Ah Mooi could hardly wait to be
allowed to have Ah Tai fastened
in the me-tai which grand-
mother had embroidered so
beautifully.A me-tai is a large square
sling made of strong cloth and
with coloured embroidery on it—
often of birds and flowers. It
has four long ends to fold and
tie round the body. Very often
the babies are nearly as big as
the small children who carry
them!Ah Mooi came and listened
whilst her mother told her how
careful she was to be of Ah Tai.
"If you sit, Ah Mooi, remember
to leave plenty of room for Ah
Tai behind!"SOON lovely fat Ah Tai—who
was several months old—was
fastened up tight to Ah Mooi's
small flat back and Ah Mooi put
a small hand to each side, held
the tiny feet, and felt im-
measurably happy.Ah Tai was wearing his
"tiger" cap with two pointed
fur ears, so that any wandering
evil spirits would think it was
a ferocious tiger and not a baby
and give it a wide berth.She trotted off and walked
along the narrow grass verge
which separated the rice fields
from each other and was turning
a corner by the well.Suddenly a huge creature
came springing towards her.For a moment Ah Mooi's
heart nearly stopped beating.
She was terribly frightened and
was turning to run away when
she remembered the little
brother fastened on her back.
She stood quite still and held
his small feet.How glad she was to hear
someone calling.The creature stopped as in a
moment a big "foreigner" came
along and fastened a large strap
to his Alsatian. When he saw
the small Ah Mooi looking so
pale and frightened he spoke to
her in Chinese and told her not
to be afraid.Soon Ah Mooi was telling him
that if anything had hurt Ah
Tai she would be punished.
The foreigner said he would take
her home and explain everything
to her mother.THE foreigner, who was really
a very kind doctor, loved
the Chinese as much as they all
loved him. Very soon Ah Mooi
was telling him how, to-day,
she had been allowed to carry
Ah Tai for the first time.While she was chattering away
in her silvery voice the doctor
was watching her carefully,
noticing that Ah Mooi's eyes
were inflamed and sore. The
doctor had lived a long time in
China: one of the things that
made him sad was that so many
children suffered in this way
and often went blind.He had found a way of
treating and often curing them,
but it usually meant hospital-
often too difficult, for Chinese
parents are afraid of the "foreign
devils".Somewhat this was Ah Mooi's
lucky day, for just as her
mother came out to meet her,
the Chief of the next village
came by. He hurried forward
and told Ah Mooi's mother how
the wonderful foreign doctor
had cured his son's eyes some
two or three years ago.Bye and bye, after much talk-
ing with Ah Mooi's parents and
grandparents, who really matter-
ed most, for grandparents are
very important in China, it was
agreed that Ah Mooi should go
with the doctor.By the time the rice was next
harvested, little Ah Mooi was
completely cured and back, with
Ah Tai again fastened in the me-
tai to her small back. She
told him of all the wonderful
things she had seen in the big
hospital and how kind the
"foreign devils" had been.To-day Ah Mooi is happily
employed as Amah to the
doctor's children.—C.

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Pilot's Account Of Battle

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—It is learned that three R.A.F. bombers left their base on a patrol search for German warships. They were about 80 miles north-west of Heligoland in close formation at about 10,000 feet when they were suddenly attacked by 12 Messerschmitt-100 long range fighters.

The pilot of the third machine said, "We were going south when suddenly the lookout man shouted 'fighters'. Almost before he had given the warning I saw streams of white tracer bullets flashing past the port side. I then realised this was a serious battle. We had not seen the enemy because they came straight out of the sun.

"The first burst of enemy fire penetrated our fuelage but did no material damage. We found ourselves fighting 12 enemy machines. More bullets entered our aircraft, and some missed us by only a few inches."

Six Messerschmitts made three dual attacks upon the bomber, which escaped after bringing down two of its attackers.

MORE ARRESTS IN REICH

LONDON, Jan. 3. A new wave of arrests has recently swept over the Czech Protectorate. The Times correspondent in Prague reports from Prague, that a large group of former Czechoslovakian Army officers living in Moravia are among those taken into custody.

The entire staff of the foreign correspondence section of the Skoda Works are held in custody for investigation and there have been arrests also in the newly formed Government troops. Two journalists were arrested in their offices. The Gestapo has raided an illegal newspaper called *Boj* (To Arms) and some of its contributors are believed to have been killed.

The prisons in Prague are still full and the Karlovo Namesti dungeons, which used to be shown to tourists as examples of medieval barbarism, are now in use.—Reuter Special.

Report Denied

Berlin, Jan. 3. Authoritative quarters deny the Copenhagen reports that Russia has asked Germany to send specialists to Russia.

The Voelkischer Beobachter had renewed its attacks on the Belgian Press which is accused of being pro-Ally and not neutral.—United Press.

Newsman's Prediction

New York, Jan. 3. The prediction that 1940 will bring purges in Germany is made by Dorothy Thompson writing in the Herald-Tribune.

She also forecasts that the Nazi regime will encounter very strong opposition from the women and farmers during the year.—Reuter.

Afghan Border

LONDON, Jan. 3. It is authoritatively stated in London official circles that no credence whatever can be attached to the rumours given out in certain foreign broadcasts of Russian troop concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan.

It is further learned that the Afghan Government has officially denied there has been any mobilisation of their armed forces and nothing whatever is known of any mobilisation in Iran.—Reuter.

FIRE PUTS STOP TO WEDDING

LIVERMORE, Cal.—That little and apparently useless, warning given to the marrying minister always gives to the effect that if anyone knows any reason why the wedding should not proceed "to state them now or forever hold their peace," is not always as superfluous as it may seem.

The officiating minister at the wedding of Miss Bertha Carlson and Milton Fisher had just reached that point, when a neighbour poked his head in the door and announced that there certainly were reasons why the ceremony should not proceed.

"The house is on fire," he declared.

Firemen put out the roof blaze and ceremony was continued.

R. A. F. PLANE'S FATAL FLIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the British aircraft forced down in Belgium was attacked by three German fighters while engaged in reconnaissance over Germany.

One member of the crew was killed and two were slightly injured.

Finnish-Russian War DEFENDERS TAKE INITIATIVE IN NORTHERN FRONT

The presence of new contingents of the Red Army on the Finnish front is confirmed. They have not figured yet in a co-ordinated drive and the position between the two armies has remained largely unchanged during the past few days except in the north, where the defenders appear to have the initiative.

Helsinki, Jan. 3.

A large body of Soviet troops surrounded on the Salla front are trying their utmost to break through the Finnish lines. A fierce battle progressed throughout yesterday but the Russians were unable to make their way through.

The Finnish forces are working in small groups and, although outnumbered, their knowledge of the country has made their attacks successful.

In the north the Finns have improved their positions and they are reported to have advanced to within 25 miles of Petsamo.—Reuter Bulletin.

Finn Position Very Good

Helsinki, Jan. 3.

Strategically the positions of the Finns all along their frontier are better now than at any time since the commencement of the war. Five of the twelve separate thrusts between Lake Ladoga and the Arctic Ocean have been decisively smashed with Russian losses running into tens of thousands, besides masses of war material which the Finns fortunately are using, because the guns are of the same calibre as those of the Russians.

Three thrusts have been crushed and thrown back across the frontier opposite Sissalmäki, and two converging columns in the region of Suinvalms, which penetrated farther, have been completely routed.

The thrust was designed at the head of the Gulf of Bothnia and has now been definitely checked.

The Russian column south of Lake Ladoga has crumpled against the Finnish resistance, and in the Petsamo region the Finns have the initiative at the moment.

Also, on the Mannerheim Line, which the Russians hoped to make the scene of the decisive battle of the war, they are still blocked by a stone wall.

The Line continues to be firmly anchored in the north at Tapale and in the south on the Kivikko Island, where heavy Finnish batteries, despite the constant poundings by air bombs and heavy warship artillery shells, enfilade the Soviet lines.

The great Russian general offensive, which the Finns expected almost any day, has not materialised, but there is ample evidence that the Soviet shock battalions of their best young troops have been in action without success.

As eyewitness reports came in from north of Lake Ladoga, the magnitude of the Finnish victory in that region has increased.

It became evident that Russian efforts to make a wide turning movement which would have endangered the whole Isthmus front position, were smashed so completely that one whole Russian division, between fifteen to eighteen thousand men, was put out of action, and most of its equipment, except rifles captured.

The narrow winding roads in the thick forests are strewn with dead and the forests are carpeted with frozen bodies of Russians, now mostly covered by a fresh fall of snow.—United Press.

Russians And Civilians

Stockholm, Jan. 3.

The Soviet authorities have issued strict orders never to fire on civilians but only on military objectives, according to an officer attached to the Soviet Air Force who was among the Russian prisoners taken at Vilpi and with whom Scandinavian correspondents were allowed to talk.

The prisoners, who were captured recently and are now awaiting transfer to a Finnish internment camp, comprised Soviet Air Force non-commissioned officers and two ex-farmers.

One of the officers, who was 20 years old and actually belonged to the infantry, was the machine gunner and observer in a bomber which was shot down in flames and was the only member of the crew who succeeded in escaping by parachute. Asked whether he had ever fired on civilians, he replied, "We are only allowed to shoot at military objectives."

"I read in the great book every day and believe in God," said one of the farmers: "I read about that at school too, but he is not the one to believe in when you jump out of a burning airplane," interjected the officer.

The other farmer from the Ukraine said he felt fine. He had been told the Finns would cut off his finger nails and torture him in other ways if he were taken prisoner, but he now had hopes of not returning to the cold and snow.—United Press.

Compulsory Labour Announced

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Both Sweden and Rumania are to have compulsory labour services.

In Sweden under a Bill passed on Tuesday, labour will be compulsory for equipping and maintaining Sweden's defences as well as for such vital services as agriculture and transport.

All farm labour, it was announced in Rumania to-day, is now compulsory.

Sweden Threatened

Copenhagen, Jan. 3.

Germany in a diplomatic note has warned Sweden that she cannot allow her to tolerate any help to Finland by the Western Powers, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Berlingske Tidende.

The correspondent says the Germans declare they cannot allow England to help Finland, arguing that British help is actuated by a desire to establish air and naval bases in the northern countries whence attacks could be made against Germany and Russia.

Wilhelmstrasse officials, the correspondent continues, are watching the steps taken by Britain and France, and they assert that the Finnish question concerns Germany as well as the northern countries and that active assistance to Finland would result in Germany immediately reconsidering her attitude towards Norway and Sweden.—Reuter.

Veiled Nazi Insult

Berlin, Jan. 3.

Commenting on an overseas report that an authoritative German source had said that if British troops appear in Finland Germany will fight on Russia's side, an authoritative source here stated to-day that this is an absolute mistake and that nothing of the kind has been said.

"As long as Britain gives to Finland the type of help she gave Poland we are entirely disinterested, and even if she gave real military assistance it is questionable whether Germany will fight on this account," this source added.—United Press.

Excusing An Ally

Chungking, Jan. 3.

The cause of the Soviet-Finnish war is more due to fear that Germany will use Finland for an attack on Russia than any direct Finnish threat to Leningrad, declared Dr. Sun Fo in a speech on December 23 here, the text of which is being published by the Chinese Press in instalments.

The fear that Germany will launch attacks on Russia through small countries like Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Finland, Dr. Sun Fo continued, prompted Russia's move in concluding non-aggression pacts with the small Baltic countries.

Dr. Sun Fo expressed the opinion that the Soviet-Finnish war was quite unnecessary, since despite the fact that Finland is being used by certain Powers, Finland would not attack Russia, while Germany is too busy to attempt any attack on Russia.

He believes that the Soviet-Finnish war is different from other recent wars, and concludes by expressing confidence that this war will be concluded at an early date, with Finland continuing to exist as an independent State.—Reuter.

AMERICAN LEADERS CONFER

Washington, Jan. 3.

President Roosevelt, Vice-President Garner, Senator Barkley, leader of the Senate, and Congressman Rayburn, leader of the House of Representatives, reviewed plans and hopes for the new session of Congress at an hour's conference.

Senator Barkley said President Roosevelt outlined the message he will deliver to-morrow to the joint session of both Houses.

He said the Budget message may not be sent before Friday.

Mr. Garner was in jovial mood following the conference. This was his first meeting with President Roosevelt since he announced he was available for nomination as a candidate for the Presidency.

Senator Barkley said the President's message would deal at length with foreign affairs.

It is reliably reported that President Roosevelt will point out the need for \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 new revenue to finance the increased defence programme.—United Press.

Address To-day

Washington, Jan. 3.

Congress meets at noon on Wednesday to hear President Roosevelt's "state of union" message which is expected to deal extensively with foreign affairs.

It is predicted that he will ask, first, for extension of the reciprocal trade treaty expiring in June; second, an additional \$500 million dollars to be expended on national defence, but not for special taxes; third, remind the legislators of Congress that they are already \$50 million dollars above the budget account in farm parity and other agricultural payments; fourth, no recommendations for new taxes; fifth, defend the neutrality programme; sixth, no proposal for revival of the spending and lending measure.

The Democrats hope for a short session. The Republicans, Conservatives and Democrats are expected to strain every element to further spending in any case will be the fact of the steadily mounting national debt, which is at present \$2,000 million and within \$500 million of the 40,000 million statutory limit.—United Press.

ALLIED LEADERS EXCHANGE GREETINGS

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King in his New Year telegram to President Lebrun said, "At the beginning of the New Year which finds our nation so closely united in the renewed struggle against senseless aggression, I address to you my warmest best wishes for your health and happiness and for the success of the French people in the great efforts which they are making together with the British ally for the defence of the liberties which to them are so dear."

"It is with the greatest confidence that I foresee the accomplishment of a joint victory which will allow our respective countries to enjoy the blessings of peace which will be untroubled by violent threats repeated by those who showed so clearly their aversion for any peace with their neighbours other than that of subjection and oppression."

President Lebrun replied expressing his good wishes for the happiness of the King and Queen and his wishes that the British people should share with the French during this year the definite success which they deserve by so many common sacrifices made for the most just of causes.

AMERICAN HONGKONG FLEET RESIDENTS RETURN

Washington, Jan. 3. Mr. Charles Edison, Assistant Navy Secretary, is studying means for acceleration of the record warship construction programme.

He said the Navy's authorised building programme was progressing ahead of schedule in some categories without causing delay in any other category. The authorised programme was on the regular planned basis, any acceleration of which must be submitted to Congress which would be called upon to decide on that before very long. At this time it might be more advantageous to lay down more authorised ships.

Mr. Edison said the Navy, at Congress request, is assembling data as to the feasibility of construction of super-battleships up to 30,000 tons, but it was too early to reach any conclusions. He intends to push scientific research on the latest weapons and ships and to "grab any new foreign ideas, inasmuch as the United States has no monopoly on brains."

The Navy was pushing ahead with the development of fast motor torpedo boats and sub-chasers, of which it was eager to have a flotilla for tests. If they are found satisfactory, the Navy may produce on a mass production basis.—United Press.

Welcomed As Heroes

Montevideo, Jan. 3.

The newspaper *El Dia* with a very wide circulation, appeals to the Uruguayan women to receive the men of H.M.S. *Alex* with flowers.

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, who commanded the British forces during the battle with the Admiral Graf Spee, visited the President of Uruguay and the Foreign and Defence Ministers.

The visit is purely a courtesy one lasting two days.—Reuter.

Neutral's Losses

Stockholm, Jan. 3.

The Swedish Minister of Marine has announced that Sweden lost 11 ships, totalling 17,000 tons, since the beginning of the war.

The Norwegian Government has declared that their losses were 24 ships and the lives of 91 seamen.—Reuter Bulletin.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: "After conditions prevailing over the market during the morning with Docks again being largely dealt in and at advancing rates."

	Buyers
H.K. Bank	\$1,305
Canton Ins.	\$200
Douglases	\$72
Docks	\$21.20
Providents	\$4 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Lands	\$32 1/2
Realities	\$4.30
Tramways	\$17.10
Star Ferries	\$8 1/2
Yauwatt Ferries	\$23 1/2
China Lights (old)	\$7 1/2
Electricity	\$53 1/2
Sundakan Lights	\$11.10
Telephones (old)	\$24 1/2
Telephones (new)	\$9.10
Cements	\$17 1/2
Dairy Farms (old)	\$21 1/2
Dairy Farms (new)	\$21 1/2
Watsons	\$9.10
	Sellers
Tramways	\$17 1/2
Cements	\$18
Watsons	\$9.40
	Sales
Docks	\$20 1/2/60/21.
Haubs	\$10 1/2
Lands	\$32
China Lights (old)	\$7.05
Cements	\$17 1/2
Dairy Farms (new)	\$21 1/2
Manila Gold Shares	Pa.
Atokas	23 1/2 a
Antamok	17 1/2 a
Burgalo Gold	22 1/2 a
Batong Bulay	.015 b
Big Wedge	.25 b
Coco Grove	.17 a
Con. Mines	.004 a
Demonstration	.14 a
East Mindanao	.12 a
Ipo Gold	.39 1/2 b
Hogon Mining	.31 1/2 b
Mambulo Con.	.017 b
Masbate Con.	.12 a
Mind. Motherlode	.004 a
Mine Operation	.12 a
North Camarines	.17 a
Paracale Gumus	.20 a
San Maricelo	.05 a
Surigao Con.	.20 a
Suyoc Con.	.14 1/2 a
Syndicate Inv.	.026 b
United Paracale	.35 a
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes MACAO INTERPORT AT EASTER?

CLUB TROUNCE NAVY AT RUGGER

(By "Fly-half")

ON THE CLUB GROUND yesterday evening, the Club "A" defeated a weak Navy team at rugby by 30 points (3 goals, 5 tries) to 3 points (a penalty goal). Beaten in all departments, Navy put up a plucky display, especially up forward where they used their feet to advantage in wild rushes.

For Club, Medman, playing at scrum-half, was wild in his passing, which gave D. Hynes, at stand-off half, an anxious time. Aitkenhead, a new acquisition from Ceylon, played a sterling game at inside-three-quarter, and should prove a valuable asset to Club 1st XV once he settles down and gets into condition.

Stoker, Richardson, Burford and Godfrey did well in the Club pack, which dominated the tight scrums through the excellent hooking of Burford. Richardson made a return to form with his kicking, converting everything allotted to him. Wilson, on Club's left wing, showed a fine turn of pace in scoring two tries. Longmuir and Charles were hard-working forwards for the Navy.

In the first half, Club scored through Laville, Stoker, Van

Durham v. Kai Tak At Rugby To-day

The Durham Light Infantry will meet Kai Tak in a friendly game of rugby at Prince Edward Road to-day, commencing at 5 p.m.

Leeuwen, Aitkenhead and Wilson. Richardson converted three.

After the resumption, Medman was penalised for picking the ball out of the scrum, and from the penalty kick, Jeffries converted. Club went further ahead through tries by Wilson, Godfrey and Laville.

The teams were:
Club: A. J. G. Taylor; H. Van Leeuwen, Aitkenhead, R. Laville and P. Wilson; D. Hynes and J. Redman; W. Stoker, W. Burford, R. E. Housman; R. M. King, L. A. Berni; G. C. Godfrey and W. B. Richardson.
Navy: Snell; M. Jeffries, Mid. Teare, Richards and Addis; Mid. O'Riordan and Chapman; Mid. Davies, Ellis; Longmuir, Burlew; Fay, L. Charles, Jones and Mid. Murray-Jones.

Badminton

St. John's Trounce Club de Recreo In "B" Division

THREE "B" Division Badminton matches were played yesterday. At the Club de Recreo, St. John's trounced their hosts by 9-0. St. Andrew's won their first match when they beat the Kowloon C.C. by 7-2, and in the remaining game St. Teresa's beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 8-1.

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W. M. Gillies and A. F. Guest (St. Andrew's) beat Jones and Madar 21-12; best Kevin and Wynne-Dalrymple 21-13; lost to J. L. Anderson and A. J. Fisher 14-21.

A. E. Brown and A. B. Bliss (St. Andrew's) beat Jones and Madar 21-17; lost to Anderson and Fisher 11-21.

R. F. Fitcher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's) beat Jones and Madar 21-22; best Kevin and Wynne-Dalrymple 21-22; best Anderson and Fisher 21-12; best Anderson and Fisher 21-12.

V.C.C. v. St. Teresa's (Recreo) lost to P. Lo and Joseph Tsang 12-21; lost to John Tsang and P. Tsang 8-21; best Austin Ho and J. Lo 11-21.

P. M. Xavier and P. Castro (V.C.C.) lost to Lo and Tsang 10-21; lost to Tsang and Tsang 22-21; lost to Ho and Tsang 10-21.

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Royal Engineers' First Defeat In Tournament: Victory For Radio

GOOD NEWS has been received from Macao during the New Year holidays. The Portuguese Colony, I hear, is willing to take part in the Interport with Hongkong provided that the game is played during the Easter Holidays instead of the Chinese New Year.

I should imagine the H.K.H.A. would be only too glad to agree with Macao's proposal. I am inclined to think that there would be too many counter attractions during the Chinese New Year. The Macao hockey players have taken to soccer this season, but they are just as anxious to get back to the stick game once more, and are willing to meet all-comers from Hongkong in friendly fixtures after January 7.

I wish more local clubs would follow the example of the University, and give the Portuguese Colony a few games before Easter.

THE Royal Engineers suffered their first defeat in the Association Tournament when they went down 3-2 to the Radio and Postal Sports Club at Sookunpoo last Sunday. In the first ten minutes, the Sappers exerted great pressure through their left wing, and Fox found the net after a fierce attack.

After twenty minutes, however, the champions rallied strongly and G. Singh broke through to level the score in the closing minutes of the first half.

In the second half, the Radmen took control of the game, and with fine combination and stick-work, the forwards got going, and two brilliant goals were added by G. Singh and K. Singh.

The winners were ably generated by their tireless skipper, Gurbachan Singh, who was outstanding in the forward line for speed and opportunism. Awar Singh and K. Singh gave splendid support. M. H. Hassan was prominent at centre-half, and the wing halves, Carter and Gurdays Singh were hard workers.

The last line of defence did well, and U. B. Silva was safe in goal.

IT was a fair result, as the Sappers fell away somewhat in the second half, the defence failing to hold up fast moving forwards, and their forwards being unable to make any headway against a strong visiting defence.

Homburg scored his goal one second before the final whistle, and was an untiring worker for the home side, combining attack with defence to great effect. Fox made many electrifying runs down the left wing in the first half, and Singleton, on the right wing, also sent in some useful crosses during this period.

The home forwards, however, gave their wingers poor support. Denyer definitely had an off-day. The Engineers' defence slackened in the second half, and it was error by Goodwin and Marriott which reared in the third goal, being scored, always in the limelight, and strove manfully to stay the progress of the Radio forwards. Russell played a safe game at full back, and Dobson in goal could hardly be blamed for the goals which beat him.

Sappers started with a rush but they faded away for Radio to play them in the second half.

IN the only Caer Clark Cup fixture played last Saturday, Central British School girls obtained their first victory when they accounted for Recreio Ladies in a fast game by 3-2.

Though playing without the services of Miss Horwood, their left back, the schoolgirls showed brilliant form and completely over-ran the visiting defence throughout the game. Obtaining a commanding advantage, the girls led by 3-1 in the first half, Miss Joan Moss, Miss Joan Eradbury and Miss Enid Watson, in turn, scoring very nice goals.

The left wing combination of Miss Shand and Miss Bertha made several good movements, and helped immensely towards their team's success. I was particularly pleased at the display given by the intermediates, Miss S. Rosseau, Miss P. Kirby and Miss J. Kow. The wing halves were forever breaking up numerous attacks, and feeding the forwards with neat flick passes.

Recreio would have had more goals to their credit but for the brilliance of Miss Betty Goodwin, who played a very sound game at full back. The schoolgirls have reason to congratulate themselves on such a fine victory, and with only ten players, I wish them further success on their home ground this new year.

RECREIO fought gamely to equalise, and Miss A. Alves reduced the deficit once in each half, but generally, the defence found the schoolgirls too fast for them. Miss B. Mendes was speedy on the right

wing, and on several occasions had the home defence in difficulties.

The outstanding player, however, was Mrs. R. Silva, at left half, and Miss P. Goncalves improved in the second half. The backs were slow with their tackling, and were unable to recover lost ground.

It was a good game, however, with the schoolgirls a trifle quicker on the ball, and worthy winners.

ON the same ground, in the Brawn Cup League, the Recreio beat the C.B.S. 4-0, in a one-sided encounter. The Recreio juniors were by far the better team, and proved too good for their inexperienced opponents. Miss M. Campos and Miss M. Figueiredo combined well in the attack, but Miss L. Rodrigues' display on the left wing was the bright feature of the game.

Her nice centres paved the way for most of the goals which were scored. Miss M. Osmund, at pivot, was also good, and Miss M. Ribeiro, at left back, made several brilliant clearances.

Had the Recreio forwards taken their chances in the first half their score would probably have been double figures.

WHILE the C.B.A. defence worked tremendously hard, making every effort at intercepting and tackling, their forwards were not conspicuous for their combination, however, as leader, worked very hard indeed, and it was unfortunate that she received a bad shaking-up during the game when she collided with Miss C. Silva in an attempt to score. Miss Bonney, at centre-half, was noticeable, and some intelligent following-up, and was well backed up by Miss V. Moss, the right back.

As a combination, the schoolgirls were poor, and are sadly in need of correct coaching. They barely understood the rules of the game, and were continually pulled up for glaring infringements they knew nothing about.

The umpires for this game again failed to appear, and a kind-hearted Pilgrim consented to control the game on his own, as this would have been the third occasion the youngsters would have been the girls are receiving very poor support from the School itself, and it is about time someone took the team in hand.

I AM glad to hear that the C.B.A. have sportingly consented to play off their tournament fixture against the Royal Engineers on the latter's ground, as the game was originally fixed for the C.B.A. ground.

The latter ground at the moment is in a very bad state, and the home team have gone wise to transfer to the Army ground at Sookunpoo, which is the best in the Colony.

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One of the players taking a shot during the basketball match at the Fong Lam School where the Fong Lam girls beat the Kwangtung Girls High School last week-end.—S. H. Ho.

FOREIGN GOLFERS INVADE MANILA Open Tournament Starts To-morrow At Wack Wack

MANILA, Jan. 4 (UP).—The strongest array of foreign golfers ever to invade Manila will participate in the 28th annual \$5,000 Philippine Open tournament which starts here to-morrow.

H. J. Bolden, president of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, has announced that several stars from the United States, Australia and Japan have accepted invitations to participate.

Among the Americans who have signified their intention to seek golfing fame and money half-way around the world from home are "Jug" MacSpaden, holder of the 1939 Canadian Open crown, and the Zimmerman brothers, Al and Mery, of Portland, Oregon.

Heading a delegation of Australians will be Norman von Nida, who will attempt to win his third Philippine Open title in as many years. With him will be Eric Cremin, a veteran Anzac professional, Jim Ferrier, holder of the Australian Open title the past two years, and Sam Richardson, former Australian Open champion.

At least 12 Japanese professionals and amateurs are expected to participate. In the last tournament the Japanese monopolized practically all the places from second to the tenth.

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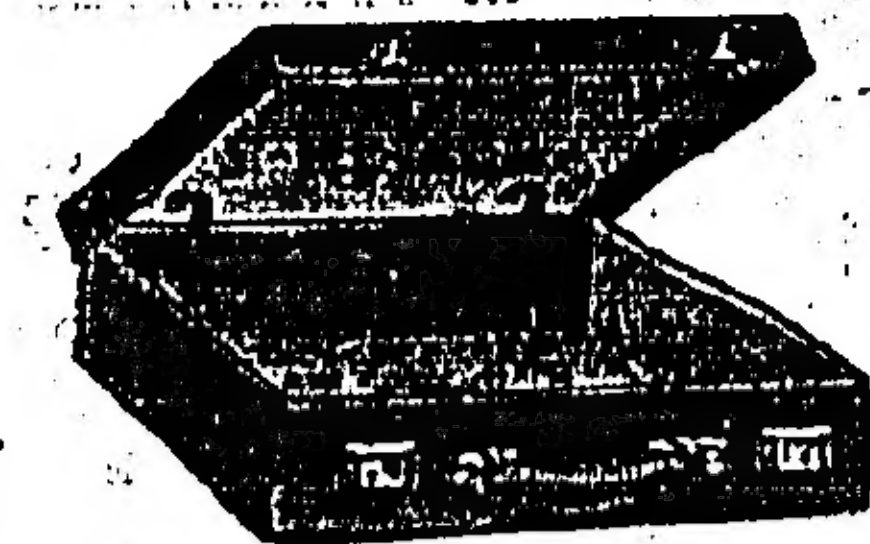
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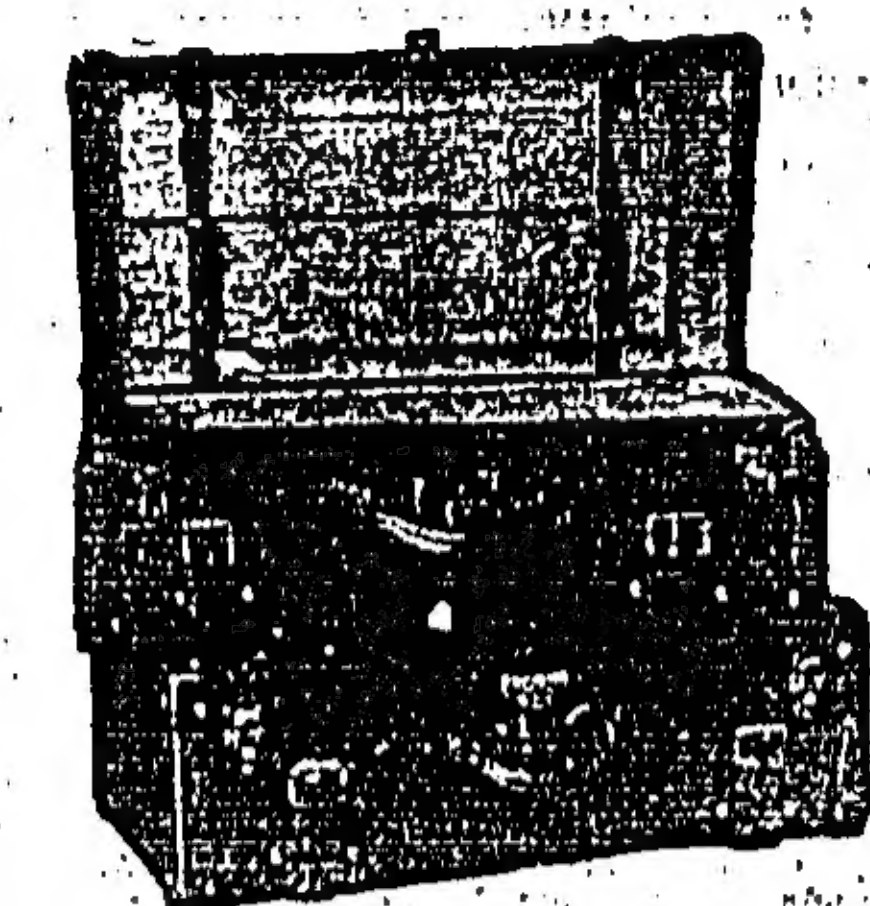
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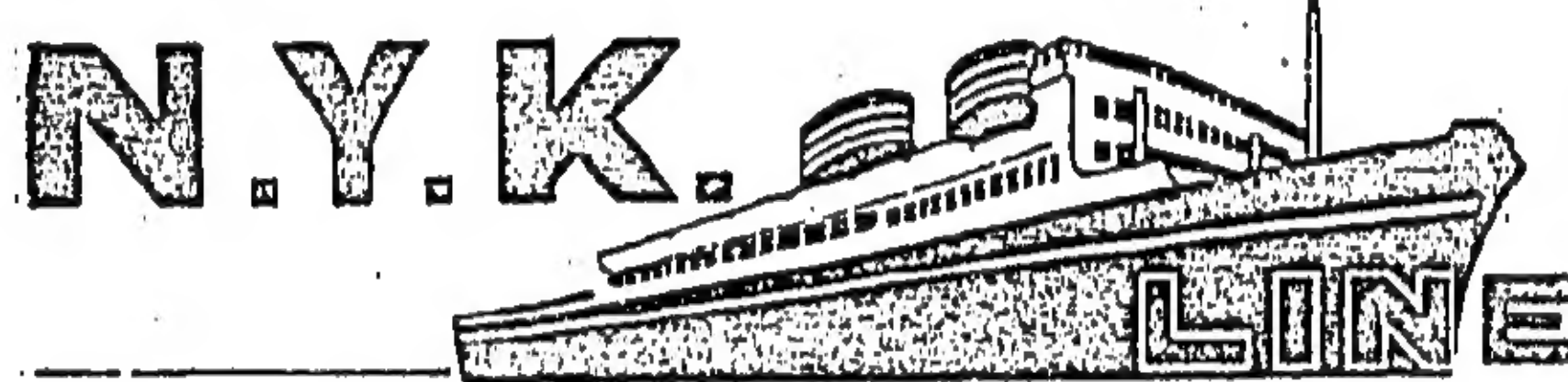
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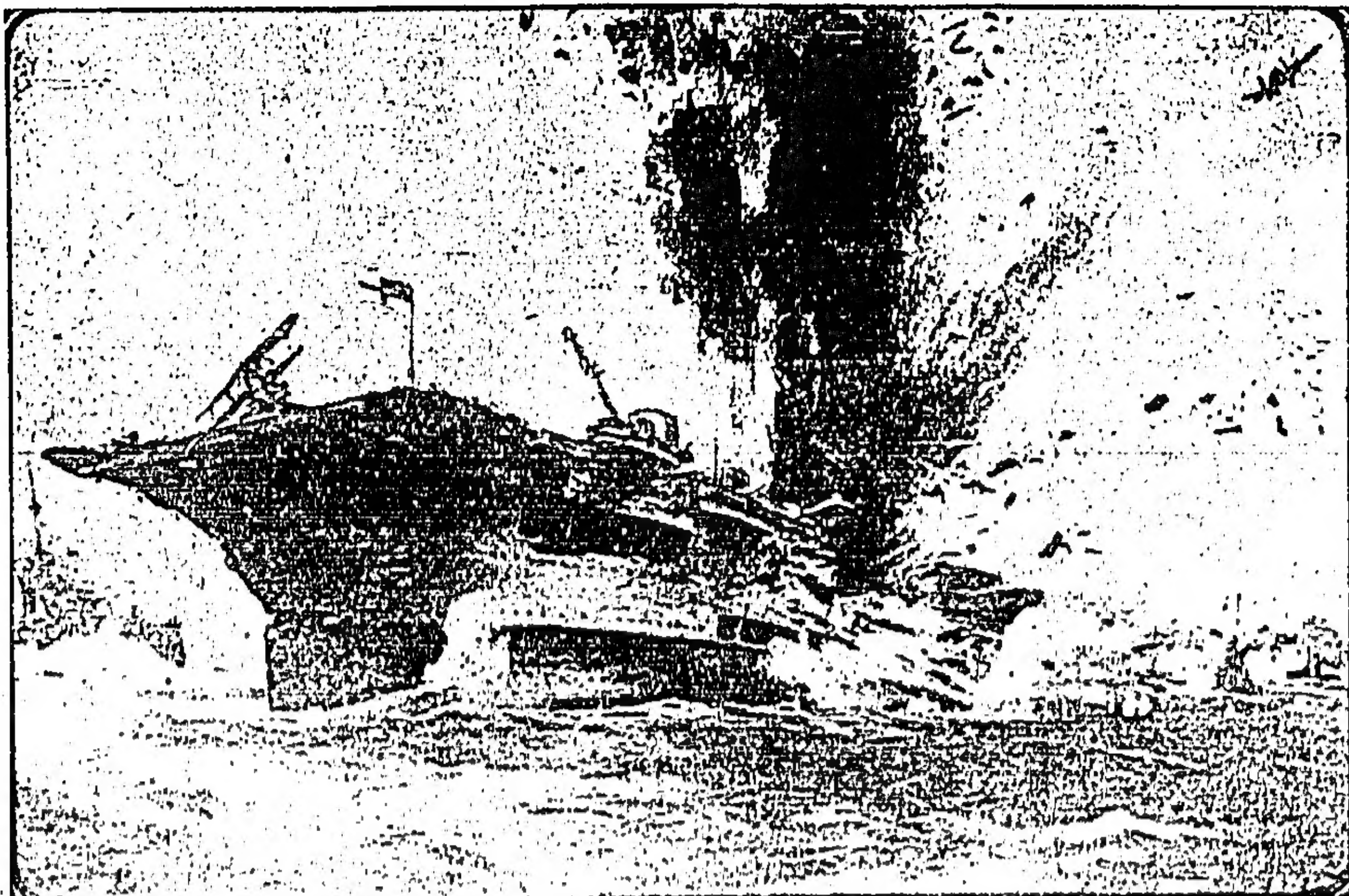
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You will remember that Nazi Leading-Aircraftman Francko received promotion and the Iron Cross (1st and 2nd Class) for outstanding courage in the face of the enemy. He had "sunk" the British aircraft-carrier Ark Royal. Said Goering. Said Goebbels. Said Hitler. And Die Wehrmacht, German news-magazine, illustrated the war's most extraordinary feat—the Sinking of a Warship that is Still Afloat. "A 1,200lb. bomb hits the enemy vessel," it is headed, and the artist gives his "impression" of a direct hit ending the life of the Ark Royal. "All the attacking planes," of course, "returned safely to their bases."

Willy makes money out of Adolf

WILLIAM PATRICK HILLER (Willy), Adolf's British-born nephew, who is touring the United States and making big money with a series of lectures on "What the German people are thinking," sent a letter to a friend in London recently, and enclosed the prospectus of his tour.

His agents, Harold R. Peat, of New York, say in their announcements that Willy Hitler presents the startling story of the real Germany hidden by Nazi delusions.

Willy is the son of Adolf's half-brother Alois, a Berlin restaurant-keeper. His mother is Irish.

He was educated in England, and went to live in Germany shortly after Hitler came to power in 1933. He and his mother went to the United States last February.

Adolf Reluctant

The announcements of his lecture tour say:—

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PENDANT

(Clipped from last Thursday's "Hongkong Telegraph")

Imagination Was Too Vivid

Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German official announced that Goebbels never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

"The Nazis," said the announcer, "would never give out information which was not true. They, therefore, could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal."

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one typical broadcast from Zeppel, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torpedobomber, lifting up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pile of smoke to mark the spot where she once had been.

1,000,000 Left Idle By War Finance

AMSTERDAM. HITLER'S much-vaunted plan of war finance cannot get going.

Though Germany has today more than 1,000,000 workless, skilled labour is lacking everywhere.

These 1,000,000 unemployed—official figures, naturally, do not admit the real total—are not workers in heavy industry. They are employed in trades supplying the consumption goods which have now been rationed.

The Nazi regime had tried to remedy the lack of skilled labour, not by transfers from the under-employed trades, but by increasing working hours.

Overwork Strain

So disastrous was the effect on men already worn down, by wartime speeding-up and shortage of food that the shorter hours had to be restored.

One glance at the death notices in the papers published in industrial towns shows to what tragic heights factory accidents are rising.

As from January 1 onwards, therefore, working hours may not exceed 10 a day unless special permission is given.

The Reich Labour Control Office is further to investigate whether the workers can stand even a 10-hour day on war rationing.

It is empowered to reduce them again if this proves to be necessary—and in any case overtime has to be paid after eight hours.

Nazis Short Of Men and Materials

NAZI shipbuilding yards engaged on the construction of U-boats are short of skilled labour and material.

The Stettin yard, which is engaged exclusively on naval work, has had to increase working hours. Only in this way is the yard able to keep up its turnover. The lack of skilled men is acute.

Krupps, too, according to reports from German sources, are experiencing the same difficulty. Another yard affected is the famous Blohm and Voess concern at Hamburg.

Ships Undelivered

At the outbreak of war there was a large number of ships under construction in German yards for foreign countries in exchange for frozen credits. Many of these vessels are still undelivered owing to the lack of materials.

Germany's claims that she can balance her submarine losses by new boats are vastly exaggerated. She also claims that in 1917 her U-boat output was one a day and that she expects to improve on that production.

In actual fact the production of German submarines in 1917 did not approach the figure they claim. For the whole of that year the number commissioned was only 87, varying between four and 12 per month.

Shipbuilding experts with whom I have discussed the question and who know the German yards intimately are convinced that the Nazis cannot possibly produce more than six U-boats each month under favourable conditions. And they are being sunk at that rate by the Allied navies.

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Night work for women, and youths has been stopped altogether, their health was suffering so much.

Many women, indeed, are trying to avoid war-time factory work altogether by getting married.

Matrimonial advertisements by women seeking husbands have increased so amazingly that in some newspapers there are whole pages of them.

All these circumstances are making the already existing shortage of skilled labour really critical.

Vigorous attempts have been made to recruit skilled Dutch workless for employment in Germany.

But they have met with little success: since the war the number of Dutch workers in Germany has considerably decreased.

Germans Execute Girl Student

BUDAPEST. The Germans have imprisoned and executed a young girl student in Warsaw on a charge of having defaced anti-British posters, according to reports received here.

The posters depict war ruins and wounded civilians on one side and Mr. Chamberlain on the other. Underneath is the caption: "England, you have done this." Practically every poster, however, has the word "England" defaced.

The girl student's execution was described by the Germans as "an example to others."

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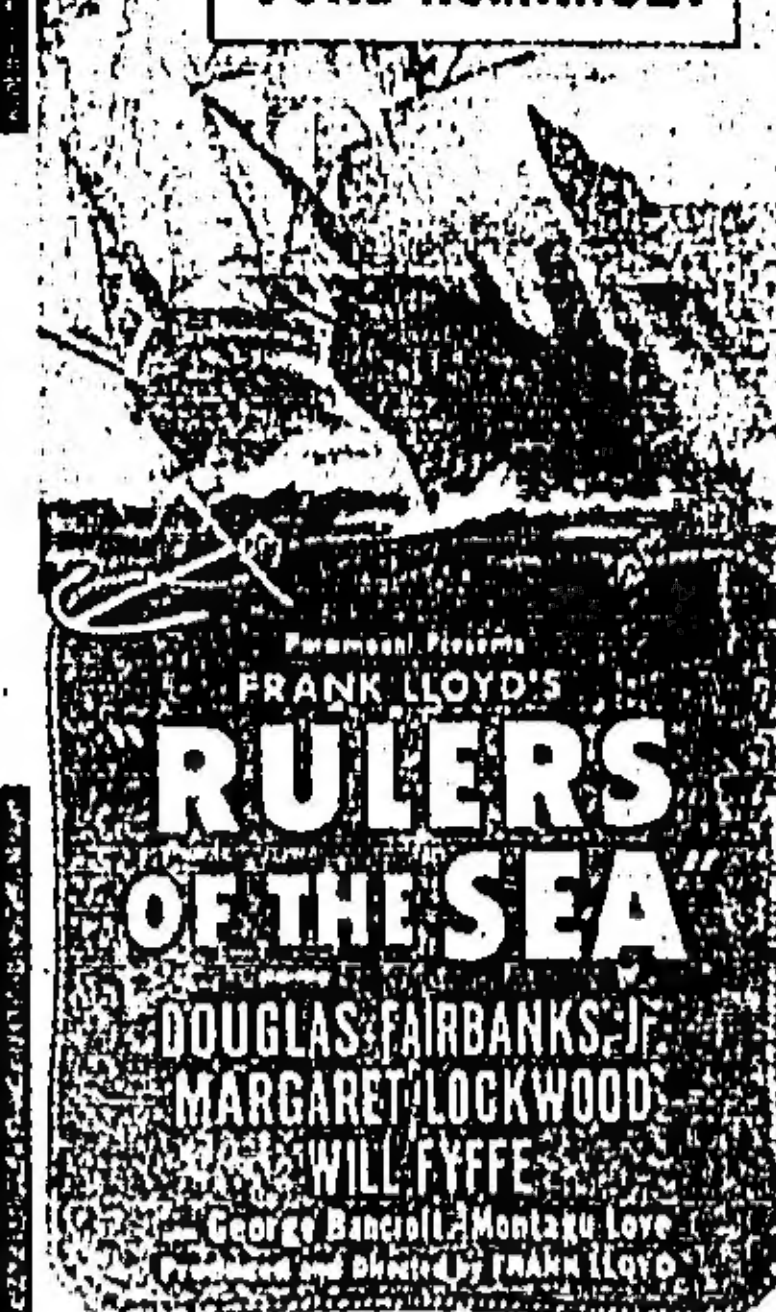
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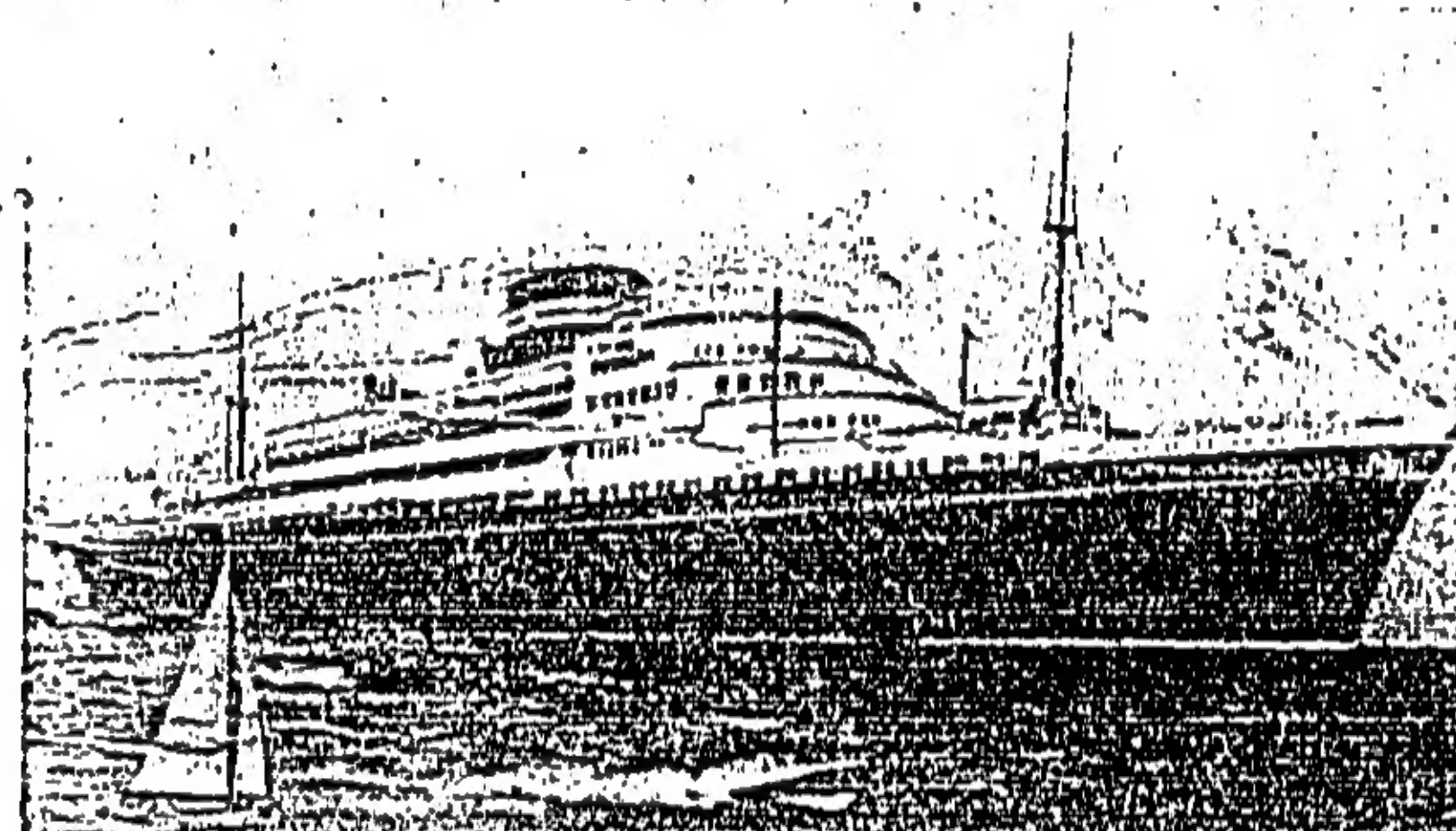


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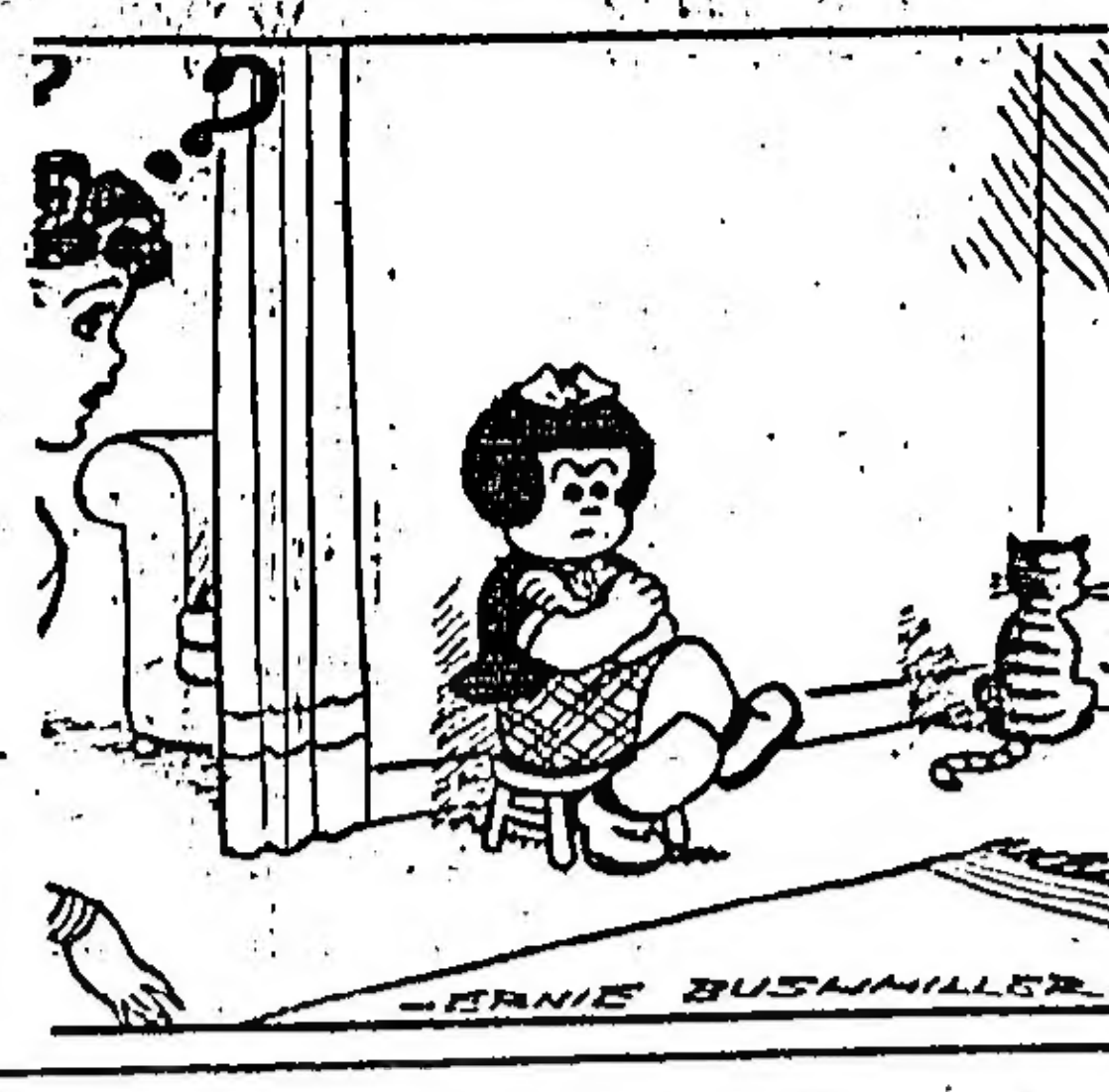
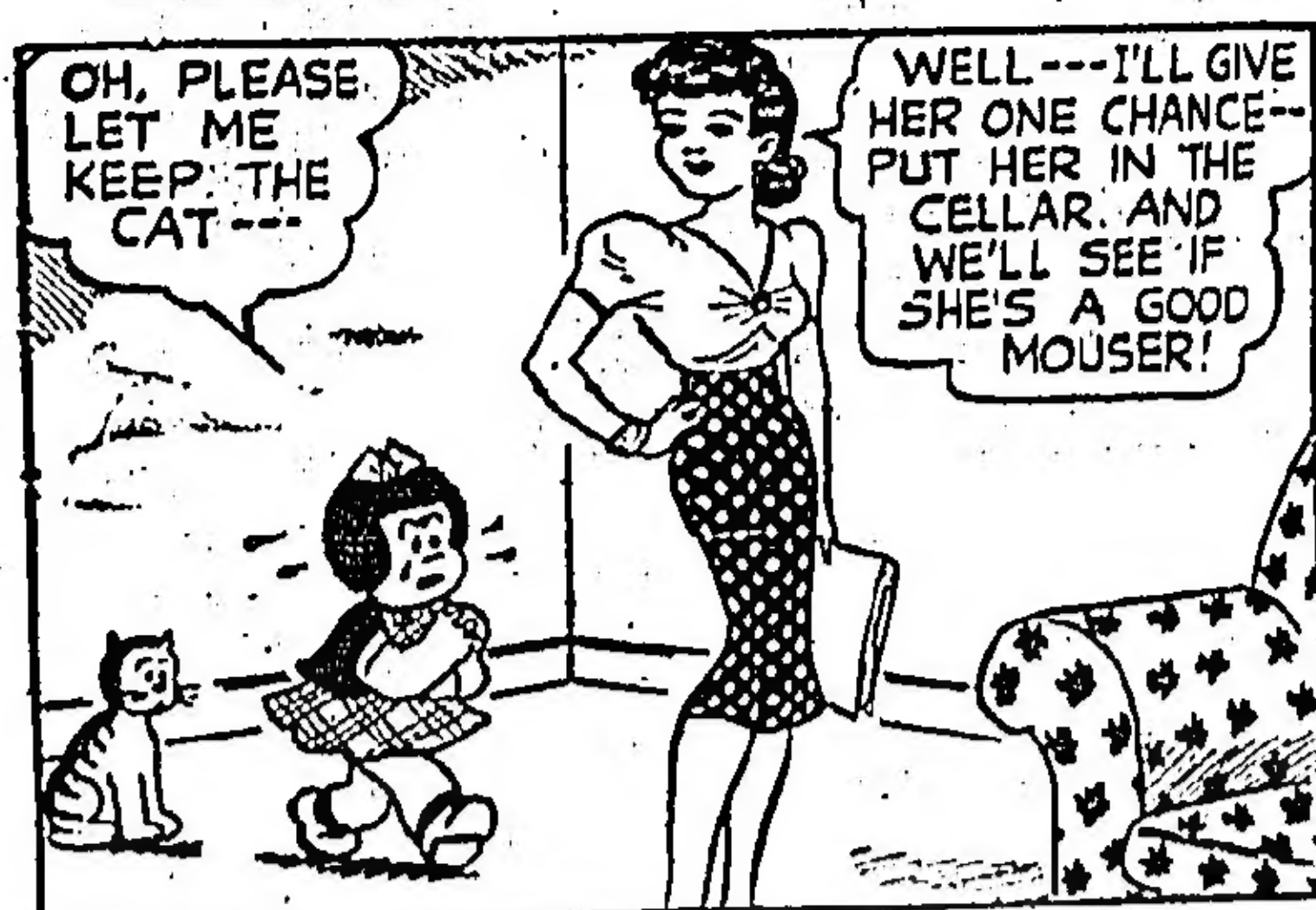
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A GERMAN flying officer brought down in the North Sea during a raid on Britain is believed to have committed suicide rather than endure any longer the misery of long exposure in the water.

His was one of two airman's bodies washed up in Norfolk, one at Happisburgh, the other at Mundesley, seven miles away. Both had been in the water about three days.

The body at Mundesley, which was in an inflated life jacket, had a bullet wound in the temple. As there was also an empty revolver holster it is thought probable the man shot himself.

The body at Happisburgh had bullet wounds in the eye and leg. These were probably received during an air engagement, for an automatic pistol was in the dead man's pocket. It would have been impossible for him to replace this after turning it on himself.

Mrs. 'Big' Fears Gestapo

AMONG the millions who listen-in to "Big-Hearted" Arthur Askey when he makes his crackles at "Old Nasty," there is one who does not laugh any more. She is Mrs. Askey.

All last week Mrs. Askey's wife was beseeching him to "lay-off" Hitler.

"It's because the missus loves me a lot," he said. "She's got the idea that Hitler has branded me as his Public Enemy No. 1 and will get his Gestapo to bump me off in the black-out."

The King, through his Comptroller, asked for a copy of Askey's parody of "Run, Rabbit, Run." It has been supplied by the B.B.C.

U.S. RELEASES SECRET PLANES FOR ALLIES

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ROYAL OAK SURVIVOR MARRIED

Lieut. M. H. Benton, R.N., a survivor of the Royal Oak, with his bride, Miss Winifred Packer, after their wedding at St. Gabriel's, Warwick-square, S.W.

Some of These Sailors Served in Hongkong

THE British destroyer *Duchess* was lost with 120 lives. Only one officer and 22 ratings are known to have escaped.

This was announced in an Admiralty communiqué, which stated that the *Duchess* had been in collision with another vessel of the Fleet, which was unnamed.

The *Duchess* was commanded by Lieut.-Commander R. C. H. White, was a destroyer of the "Defender" class, built under the 1930 programme, and had a displacement of 1,375 tons. Her normal complement was 145.

Two ratings had been left behind at the last port of call for medical treatment.

Eight Torpedo Tubes

The *Duchess* carried four 4.7-inch guns, six smaller guns, and eight 21-inch torpedo tubes.

She was built at Palmer's Yard, Harrow, and completed in January, 1933.

Her 36,000 horse power engines gave her a speed of 35.5 knots.

The *Duchess* was the third destroyer lost since war began. The others, the *Blanche* and the *Gipsy*, were both sunk by mines within a week last month off the British coast.

In China Incidents

The *Duchess* figured in a number of incidents in Chinese waters—the August Navy List gave her as being lost in the 21st Destroyer Flotilla, China.

In March, 1938, while moored at Hongkong she was damaged above the water-line when a Japanese steamer collided with her.

Last May, after a Japanese cruiser had stopped the *P. and O. liner Ranguna*, the *Duchess* went to the scene and the *Ranguna* was allowed to proceed.

Then, in June, she was reported to be "blockaded" with another destroyer, H.M.S. *Daring*, at Foochow.

German frontier—is packed with troops and prepared for any move.

AND FRANCE? Well here's a true story that came in.

The 120,000 French people of Nancy, which lies only an hour's drive behind the Maginot Line, were told that evacuation plans were ready, if they wished to leave.

How many do you think took advantage of the offer?

Just fifty-seven.

after the Japanese had placed bombs across the river.

Names of Survivors

Names of survivors are given as follows:

Officer: Probationary Lieutenant J. R. Pritchard, R.N.V.R.

Ratings: Adams, Jack (A.B.); Cogger, Donald W. (Chief Petty Officer); Crowell, Charles (A.B.);

Crowther, George (Stoker 1st class); Dadds, John E. (Ord. Seaman); Durling, Alfred H. (Lead Seaman); Hale, Kenneth H. (A.B.); Harris, Geoffrey (A.B.);

Jenkins, Ivan E. (A.B.); Lawrence, Charles H. (A.B.); Lowther, John E. (A.B.); McHardy, Robert (Lead Seaman); Merry, Charles R. (A.B.); Moir, Harry (Lead Seaman); Proctor, Walter R. (Ord. Seaman); Radcliffe, Trevor (A.B.);

Robertson, William (A.B.); Turley, Clarence (Telegraphist); Toole, Thomas (Stoker Petty Officer); Smith, Alfred (A.B.); Swinlow, Ernest (Ord. Seaman); Wilby, John A. (Chief Stoker).

The following two ratings were left ashore for medical treatment at the ship's last port of call and were not on board at the time of the collision:—

Anderson, R. (Petty Officer); Passmore, G. (Ord. Seaman).

Army's Health "Satisfactory"

In the report on the health of the British Army for the year 1937, issued recently, it is stated that the general health of the troops during the year under review has been most satisfactory.

There was a decrease in the rate of admission to hospital of 14.1 a thousand, compared with the previous year, and the admission rate was only 21.5 a thousand higher than that of 1935, the lowest recorded since the Great War.

The death ratio of 1.07 a thousand, and the ratio of 6.80 a thousand for invalids discharged from the Service are the lowest ever recorded since the Great War.

The number of officers admitted to hospital shows an admission ratio of 167.3 a thousand of the strength compared with 220.4 a thousand in 1936 and 197.8 in 1935. The deaths were 2.15 a thousand of the strength compared with 5.43 a thousand in 1936 and 3.37 in 1935.

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Steel Wall Defends The Belfort Gap

MOORS PREPARING SURPRISE FOR NAZIS

By DAVID SCOTT
News Chronicle War Correspondent with the
French Forces FRANCE.

IF Hitler and his generals should think of trying to turn the Maginot Line by an attack through Switzerland, severe shocks await them.

During the last few days I have seen the French defences along the Rhine from Basle to a point half-way down to Strasbourg, opposite the crucial point of Basle itself and along the Jura mountain range which flanks the French-Swiss frontier between Basle and Geneva.

I can certify that any attempt to push westward from Basle through what is commonly known as the Belfort Gap, or through the Rhone Valley past Geneva towards Lyons, will find the French defences as strong and the French Army as ready to meet it as in any other sector between the Alps and the English Channel.

Along the Rhine itself the Maginot system has long been prepared to resist a German offensive. This part of the famous line is less elaborate than the defences between the Rhine and the Moselle, chiefly because the ground, lying at a lower level than the Rhine itself, behind its high embankments, is swampy and deep digging is useless.

Strong Forts

Any elaborate tunnels here would be constantly flooded or would need an impossibly complicated pumping system to keep them dry, but this flat ground can be as well defended by numerous powerful blockhouses, each a small fort in itself, whose machine-guns and anti-tank guns sweep the intervening spaces.

In an anonymous village on the Rhine bank, formerly a meeting place for French and Germans, I found contact with the enemy opposite more close and the atmosphere of profound peace more unbroken than at any other point in this strange theatre of war.

As usual we drove up to within a few hundred yards of the front line in motor-cars, hidden from the enemy by camouflage netting hung between the trees.

Within Yards Of Enemy

As usual, we walked without any attempt at concealment along a path between the thickets on the river bank, through a wooden shed, whose far side stood open towards Germany and finally to a spot on the towpath where only 150 yards of rushing muddy water separated us from the German Army.

A few hundred yards away, after pushing a way through queer feathery grasses and thorn bushes loaded with poisonous orange berries, we found ourselves in a blockhouse on the river's bank. This was a "double casemate," with heavy machine-guns in its loopholes and machine rifles ready to fire through the slits in its observation turret.

Anti-Tank Guns

Inside the fort were white enamel-lined walls neat ammunition racks, firing charts, and apple-ple order everywhere. A communication trench had been dug to the back. Here and in a bigger blockhouse (with anti-tank guns as well as machine-guns) further back from the river, a highly-trained crew waited with tremendous confidence to shatter an enemy attack or hold out in the fort, if need be to the end.

Between the southern end of the Vosges mountains and the Jura range, which follow the Swiss frontier, is a wide space of open country known geographically as the Belfort Gap.

This opening in the natural ramparts of France has always tempted invaders and has often been successfully held against them.

Lion As Symbol

In the war of 1870 the Prussians entered Paris but failed to take Belfort, whose famous Lion, hewn in the red rock of the citadel, symbolises the valour of its defenders.

To-day, the Belfort Gap is closed not only by Vauban's immense but obsolete fortifications, but by piles of barbed wire, scores of blockhouses on the Maginot model, and a great belt of steel defences built between that and the Rhine since this war began.

French soldiers and engineers have made great use of the lion's head given them by Nazi hesitation. Through these weeks they have worked hard to make the plain of Alsace and the Belfort Gap impassable.

Every day that passes makes their success more certain now.

Coloured Troops Work

All along the eastward escarpment of the Vosges and right down to the outskirts of Basle itself, where the Swiss frontier is marked every 50 yards by boards painted in the Swiss colours, a zone of steel fortifications, several miles deep, including numerous tank traps and newly made concrete blockhouses and backed by the original Maginot system, bars the way to an invader.

The last section of this line is held and is being daily strengthened by Moorish troops—a sure sign that this is a vital sector.

I saw these Arab cavaliers, with nothing to distinguish them from French soldiers now except their dark faces and light khaki turbans often worn under a steel helmet, digging at the hillside, shovelling concrete into wooden moulds, wheeling barrows full of earth and sometimes accompanying these simple activities with wild, Oriental singing.

Their commander, a grey-haired French major, who had served long years in North Africa, told me that they were splendid troops.

As I watched the Moors at work the peace of this green countryside was suddenly broken by loud volleys of machine-gun fire, but the Arab soldiers took no notice, their commanding officer jerked his head southwards with a laugh.

"That is the Swiss," he said, "they do a lot of practice. That and our anti-aircraft guns on fine days, are about the only sounds of war you hear in these parts."

Homeside Rationing Next Week

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LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Food announces that the ration for uncooked bacon and ham beginning on January 8 will be four ounces, and that for cooked, three and a half ounces a week.

The maximum retail prices range from 1s 2d to 2s 1d according to cuts.

The Food Ministry states that it is proposed experimentally to allow catering establishments to serve bacon and ham without surrender of coupons, provided they are consumed on the premises.

How It is Calculated

Supplies of butter and sugar to the catering establishments will be calculated on the basis of one-sixth of an ounce of butter and one-seventh of an ounce of sugar per meal served, including afternoon tea, for which no butter was allowed during the last war.

The arrangements apply to all places of refreshment open to the public, including clubs and canteens.

U-BOAT SINKS A SWEDISH SHIP

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—A 5,000-ton Swedish steamer in the Atlantic has sent out an S.O.S. stating that she is under fire from a German submarine and that she is now sinking.

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AFGHAN BORDER REPORTS DENIED
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—London official circles attach no credence whatever, it is authoritatively stated, to the rumours in certain broadcasts of Russian concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Government have officially denied that there has been any mobilisation of their armed forces, and nothing whatever is known of any mobilisation in Iran.

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Roosevelt's Message to Congress Tells the Dictators—

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MODERN MAN CAN NO LONGER LIVE A CIVILISED LIFE IF WE ARE TO GO BACK TO THE PRACTICES OF WARS AND CONQUESTS.

THE FUTURE WORLD WILL BE A SHABBY AND A DANGEROUS PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE IF IT IS RULED BY FORCE IN THE HANDS OF A FEW.

"WE CANNOT PRETEND THIS WAR IS NOT OUR BUSINESS"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, JAN. 3 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THIS AFTERNOON DELIVERED WHAT WAS, IF HE DOES NOT BREAK PRECEDENT BY SEEKING RE-ELECTION FOR THE THIRD TIME, HIS PENULTIMATE ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. THE UNITED STATES, HE DECLARED, WILL KEEP OUT OF WAR.

"An overwhelming majority of Americans have not abandoned the hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in the European War in a military sense," he said. "But there is a vast difference from keeping out of war and pretending that this war is none of our business."

"We don't have to go to war. But at least we can arrive with other nations to encourage the kind of peace that will lighten the troubles of the world."

ACTION FOR PEACE

"The United States must be an active and powerful influence in seeking the re-establishment of peace."

"The war in Europe arose from mismanagement of social and economic forces, causing a revolution against dictatorship."

"We must continue our preparations, and I urge substantial defence appropriations, based not on panic but on common-sense."

The President enumerated the increased taxes which he recommended for national defence.

Practically all the Government's expenses, with the exception of those for national defence would be reduced in 1941, he forecast, but added the warning that the problem of the unemployed still remained unsolved.

"Our programme of social improvement must be carried on to preserve the gains we have already made and to provide jobs and a living wage for the unemployed."

DICTATORS V. DEMOCRACY

"I ask all Americans to look ahead and see the first possibilities for our children in a world, the rest of which is dominated by concentrated force alone."

"I ask Americans to envisage the second effect on our future if the small nations of the world are shorn of their independence by military systems."

"I ask Americans to see ahead the kind of lives our children will lead if much of the rest of the world is compelled to worship a god imposed by military rule or is forbidden to worship at all, or is deceived of true news."

"I ask Americans to see the fourth effect on our future if world trade is controlled by military force by any nation or any group of nations."

"Modern man can no longer live a civilised life if we are to go back to the practice of wars and conquests of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries."

"When the time comes, the United States must use its influence to open the trade channels of the world, in order that no nations will need feel compelled in later days to seek by force of arms what can well be gained by peaceful conferences."

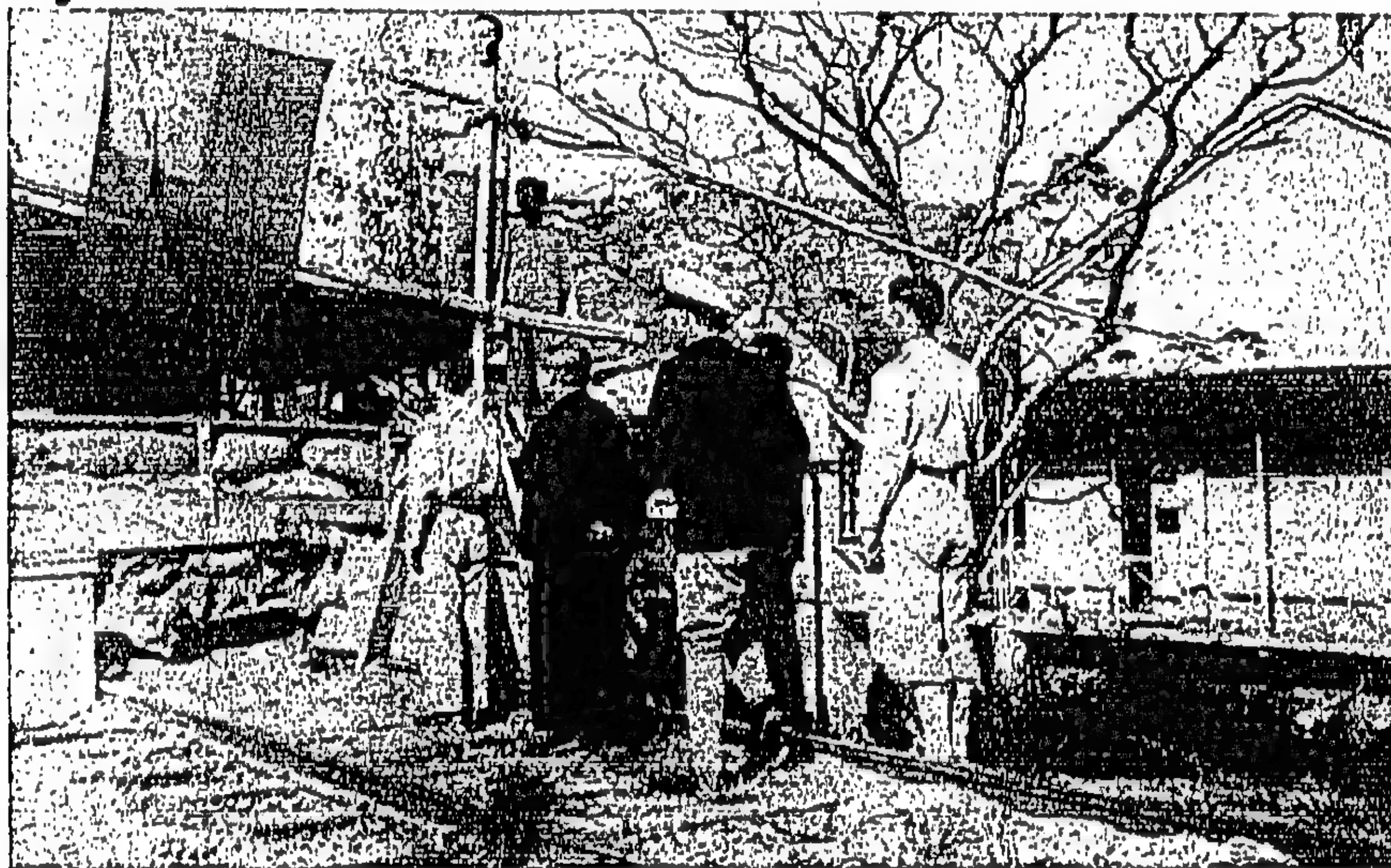
"I emphasise the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace. Such influence will be greatly weakened if this Government becomes the dog in the manger of trade selfishness."

No Alliances
"I re-commit myself to the policy of no entangling alliances for my country."

"But I must add the warning that the future world will be a shabby and a dangerous place in which to live—even for Americans to live in."

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Chinese Flag Re-Hoisted At Shumchun



SHUMCHUN, Hongkong border city which has been in the hands of the Japanese, has been re-entered by Chinese troops. Photograph shows Chinese standing in attention as the national flag is hoisted.

FINNISH WAR

DEFENDERS MAINTAIN OFFENSIVE

Russians Hard Pressed In Arctic Regions

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The weather in Southern Finland cleared to-day and, taking advantage of this, Soviet aircraft bombed the port of Hangö. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

There is little fighting around the Mannerheim Line, but between Lake Ladoga and the Polar front, one Russian division has been surrounded and is desperately trying to fight its way out.

Reports of a Russian retreat towards Petsamo continue to come in, and there seems little doubt that the Finns have the initiative in this area. Neutral observers state that the Finns are in a better strategic position to-day than they have been at any time since the Soviet invasion began. At one point, indeed, operations are being carried out on Russian soil.

Since the beginning of the war, the Finnish news agency reports, the Soviets have lost 400 tanks and 150 planes.

Attack Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—To-day's communiqué states that the Soviets have launched a fierce infantry attack after artillery preparation on the Taipale River. The Finns repulsed the attack with great loss to the Russians.

At Alttajoki, the Finns destroyed a Russian company supported by machine guns.

On the Suomussalmi front, near Rasil, the Finns destroyed five Russian tanks and two armoured cars.

In the Junturanta sector, the Finns reached the left bank of the River Kokkojärvi.

Tell It To The Finns

MOSCOW, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—For outstanding services in Javelling and PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

\$272,000,000 Wanted For U.S. Defences

President's Request To Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has asked Congress to immediately appropriate \$271,999,523 in order to safeguard America's neutrality and to strengthen national defence.

The request was made in a letter to Mr. William Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Roosevelt explains that the appropriation would supplement the funds previously made available for the departments of War, Navy, Justice and Coast Guards for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1940.

NAVY PRECAUTIONS
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Charles Edison, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Navy, has asked Congress to empower President Roosevelt "should a national emergency arise," to procure ships and materials and to commandeer factories and the like.

Mr. Edison describes the proposals as a precautionary move in a letter to Congress and points out that President Wilson was granted similar powers in March, 1917, a month before America entered the war.

Mr. Edison adds that the request does not anticipate that the United States will be involved in war.

"LORD HAW" TELLS A FUNNY ONE

Boy Scouts Blamed For Sabotage!

LONDON, Jan. 3 (British Wireless).—The commentator facetiously known as "Lord Haw" owing to his mannerisms, who nightly addresses the English public from the German Radio Station and whose comments on affairs are mainly distinguished by grotesque misrepresentations, last night made himself responsible for the following observation:

"Sabotage in Czechoslovak factories is due to the evil influence of British Boy Scouts. This is the conclusion of Yugo-Slav observers, which is being freely mentioned in Belgrade. They point out that companies of these alleged Boy Scouts were accustomed to camp in the areas where sabotage has occurred, and they took advantage of the opportunity to spread anti-German feeling among the local population."

Foreign Policy Approved

ANKARA, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Turkey's foreign policy was approved by a meeting of the People's Party of the Parliamentary Group on Tuesday night. The Foreign Minister addressed the meeting in a two-hour speech.

Further Turkish Quakes Cause Panic

ANKARA, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Fresh tremors were felt in Southern Anatolia to-day.

Several hundreds of buildings collapsed and many more panic-stricken people have been rendered homeless.

Fortunately the death toll is believed to have been small.

This is because the quakes came in the daytime and the people had time to rush out of their houses before the buildings fell in and collapsed. Floods, pests and the River Euphrates is causing great damage, while villages are swept away. Its waters are still rising.

President Inonu is completing preparations for a tour of the entire devastated area.

Europe's Cold Wave

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Bad weather is striking other parts of Europe besides Turkey.

In Southern Spain, violent rains are falling and at least one river has risen 30 feet.

In Central Europe, great hardship is being caused by the extreme cold. In Rumania, a temperature of 50 degrees below freezing point is reported.

British Offer

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Government has offered to put a hospital ship at the disposal of the Turkish Government.

The latter has replied, expressing gratitude and stating that it will accept the offer should the need arise.

LATEST



THIS IS WHAT HAS HAPPENED to Hongkong's only rail connection with the outside world. Across the border from Louisa, miles of railway track have disappeared, torn up by Chinese guerrillas in order to prevent the line being used by the Japanese.

Hongkong Docks To Build New Steamers

THE "TELEGRAPH" understands that the British Government is shortly placing orders in the Colony for the building of a number of cargo ships. The number is not yet definitely stated, but it is believed that, for a beginning, four ships will be ordered, shared evenly by the Taikoo and Kowloon Dockyards.

The exact tonnage of these projected vessels has not been announced, but it is understood that they will be slightly smaller than the Breconshire and the Glenorchy, leaving to those ships the honour of being the biggest vessels yet built in Hongkong.

They will represent a truly Imperial undertaking, for Britain will provide the orders, Australia the steel, and Hongkong the labour. Steel plates and rods have poured from the holds of ships recently arrived from Australia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—It is learned on high authority that the Attorney General, Mr. Frank Murphy, former High Commissioner of the Philippines, will be appointed to the Supreme Court and that the Solicitor-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, will become Attorney General.

Manslaughter Charge

Sequel To Fatality In Bonham Road

LIEUTENANT THOMAS PARKINSON, 51, Quartermaster of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was charged with Manslaughter at the Central Magistracy this morning.

The Crown indictment alleges that Parkinson, whilst driving his car along Bonham Road on December 23, knocked down and killed one Wong Chul-lam.

The accident is alleged to have happened near the intersection with Buxey Path.

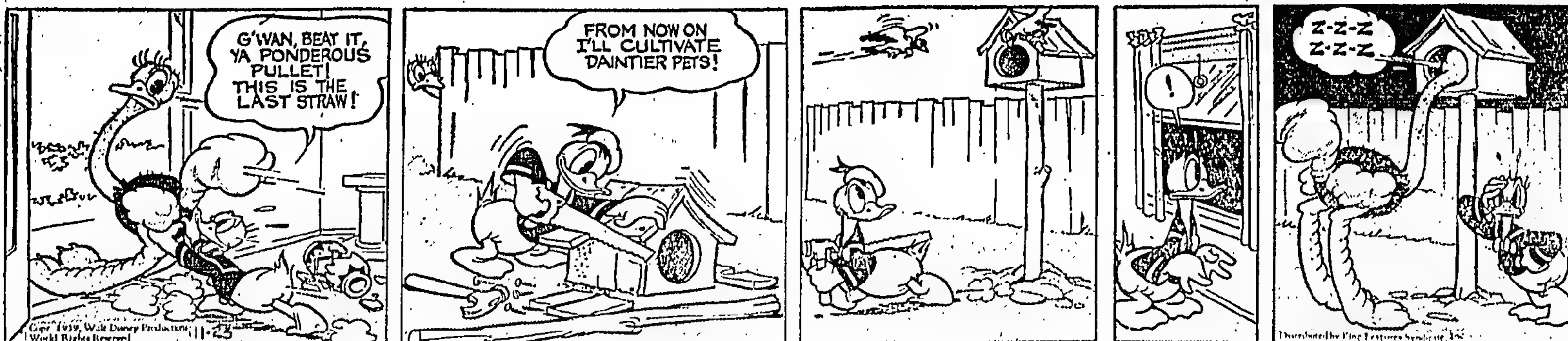
A remand of seven days was granted after formal evidence had been tendered by the Crown. Bail of \$100 was permitted.

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- 1.45 Negro Spirituals.
- 1.55 Dance Music.
- 2.15 Close down.
- 5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.
- 6.45 Closing—local Stock Quotations.
- 6.47 Moreton & Kaye on Two Planos.
- 7.00 Ambrose and His Orchestra.
- 7.15 Studio—Talk by Dr. F. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical Services, "Campaign against Tuberculosis."

- 7.30 London Relay—The News.
- 8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
- 8.03 Rina Ketty (Vocal) in a Light French Programme with L'Accordeoniste Alexander.
- 8.10 J'attendrai... (Oliver & Paterat); Sombros and Mantillas (Valse de Chanty)... Rina Ketty (Vocal) with Orchestra; Vous Oubliez Votre Cheval (Trenet-Arcady); J'ai Connu De Vous (Trenet)... Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra; On Stop... (Vocal) with Orchestra; Valse Musette... Reve Secret... L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra; Mon Coeur (Martel & Others); Le Clocher D'Amour (Martel & Others); Rina Ketty (Vocal) with Orchestra; En Quittant Une Ville (Trenet); Charles Trenet (Vocal) & His Orchestra.
- 8.30 Concert Waltzes.
- Spring Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz Nantette (arr. Schwartz); Russian Novelty Orchestra; My Darling (The Gypsy Boy) (J. Strauss); Berlin Suite (Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech).
- 8.45 Studio—Talk on "The Psychology of the War."
- 9.05 Roger Quilter—Three English Dances.
- New Light Symphony Orchestra.
- 9.15 London Relay—News Summary.
- 9.20 Selections from "The Bohemian Girl," "A Country Girl" and "The Quaker Girl."
- 9.45 Patricia Rossborough (Piano) and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).
- Zampa (Herald); Carefree—Selection; That Certain Age—Selection; Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the Painted Doll (Brown).
- 10.00 An hour of Dance Music.
- 11.00 Close down.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1890.
 Governor des Voeux will, in all probability, leave here for home next March, and his return is uncertain. His Excellency's health has, unfortunately, not been so satisfactory as could have been wished. Hongkong will greatly miss one of the ablest and most conscientious rulers that has ever controlled the destinies of the colony.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1915.
 The first contingent will leave Hongkong on January 29. Intending recruits must be finally accepted before Jan. 10, if they wish to proceed with the first contingent.

The King has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of the Victoria Cross to nine officers, non-commissioned officers and men, for conspicuous bravery while serving with the Expeditionary Force.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1930.
 The members and officials of the Rent Problem Committee held their eighth meeting at the big hall of the 24 Trade Guilds Association last night.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1935.
 The Abyssinian Government has lodged a telegraphic appeal with the League of Nations, alleging that Italian troops are massing near the town of Gersubi and that they attacked the Abyssinian garrison there on December 28.

EUROPEAN TACKLES ROBBERS

Shanghai, Jan. 3.
 The superintendent of the China Car and Foundry Company, Mr. John R. Nielson, was attacked in his office by six Chinese thugs armed with Mausers and hand grenades. They demanded Mr. Nielson to hand over the pay roll of Yuan 5,000. It is believed that the thugs were strike agitators.
 Mr. Nielson seized the gun of the nearest assailant, whereupon the other surprised thugs dashed to the door. The last man threw a hand grenade. It did not explode.
 Mr. Nielson chased the fleeing thugs and grappled with one of them. He took a gun from another and chased away the last thug, who pumped shots at Mr. Nielson at close range, but did not hit him.
 Three hundred employees were huddled at one end of the compound and watched the thugs escape.—United Press.

Burma Expedition Makes New Discovery

FAR EAST SEEN AS "MANKIND'S CRADLE"

PHILADELPHIA.—Further evidence that South-eastern Asia was the most likely "cradle of mankind," was presented before the autumn meeting of the American Philosophical Society.

Helmuth Deterra, formerly of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, gave a preliminary report of his expedition to Burma under a grant from the Philosophical Society, asserting that tools and weapons of very ancient origin had been found which must have been contemporary to both Pithecanthropus (Peking man) and Sinanthropus (Peking man).

These are the oldest distinctly human remains found and have been dated at approximately 1,000,000 years.

Opinion favours the theory that although Peking man was very primitive and possessed of only a low grade intelligence, both may have existed at the same time just as there are variations in head size and human knowledge among the inhabitants of earth to-day.

Form vs. Usefulness

"The type of tool we found is so primitive," Mr. Deterra said, "as to confirm the theory of low grade intelligence corresponding to the crude mental status of Peking man. Rather than form, which occupied the attention of later races in Africa and Europe, the technique employed by these most ancient of Asiatic tool-making races purposed immediate usefulness."

The explorer told also of finding parallels of the same kind of stone age culture in Northern India, in Java, and in China, where his surmise that the most ancient tool-making originated in Southeastern Asia from which it spread to various lands.

The first remains attributed to Pithecanthropus were found in Java more than half a century ago by a Dutch paleontologist, Eugene Dubois. The race, at least the portion living in Java, was wiped out by volcanic eruption 1,000,000 years ago. Throughout the centuries 32 active volcanoes have built up layers of ash and mud to an average depth of 80 feet.

But during the comparatively recent rising of the land, the Solo River slowly cut away the debris and it was along the banks of this stream, now having eroded the surface to where it was before the eruptions, that many valuable finds are being made.

Migration Of Horse

In his talk before the society Mr. Deterra told of a number of vertebrate fossils he uncovered among ancient river formations in Upper Burma. Probably the most important of these finds were of the horse. He thereby definitely establishes its migration to tropical Southern Asia at this early date. What makes the story of the horse particularly interesting, is the fact that its remains are found in the ancient rocks of America as far back as the Eocene period when the "dawn-horse" was a five-toed creature about the size of a dog.

A further complication of the picture is found in the knowledge that after the horse migrated to other parts of the world, in comparatively recent times, it became extinct in America. The so-called wild horses of the American west, captured and trained by the early pioneers, are said to have been the descendants of horses brought to America by Coronado and the Spanish Conquistadores.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Little Tough Guys in Society" (Oriental): The half-dozen boys who appeared with such success in the first film, again take the leading roles in this film. In a country house a wealthy and pampered young boy refuses to leave his home. A psychologist is called in and on his advice six young boys of the street are brought from East side of New York to encourage the voluntary invalid to behave like a normal healthy child. Needless to say, the "little tough guys" make short work of the American Fauntleroy.
 "Dead End" (Majestic): Raymond Massey and Sabu in a spacious melodrama of the North-West Frontier, done in Technicolor.

As They See It Abroad



"If the first cavewoman came back" ["Pitts burgh Post Gazette," U.S.A.]

Goering's Hopes As New Fuehrer

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER

DOES Goering think he would be acceptable to the Allies as an alternative to Hitler?

Well-informed neutral diplomats believe that he is under this impression and is acting accordingly.

They say that Goering is convinced he has a chance where Hitler failed—to secure peace for Germany in the near future and save his country from inevitable economic catastrophe.

That, they declare, accounts for the repeated warnings in the newspapers controlled by him that the blockade is confronting Germany with a serious problem and that the country is feeling the pinch already.

These admissions are in sharp contrast to the "everything in the larder's lovely" boasts of the official Nazi "Voelkischer Beobachter."

According to reliable information Goering has been suffering from this "Crown-Prince" complex ever since Hitler nominated him as successor in the leadership of Germany.

In Schorfelde, Goering's country estate, a Nazi shadow Government is functioning. Goering holds court there surrounded by a few generals and industrial leaders.

Whatever their plans, they must be distasteful to Hitler who is said to regret the announcement of his dramatic political testament at the outbreak of the war.

He cannot play off Goering against Hess and both of them against Himmler any longer.

And he cannot drop his successor.

"ENEMIES in your rear!" With this warning the "Voelkischer Beobachter" continues a hate campaign against British prisoners of war in Germany which was launched with an official caution against them.

Push-And-Pull On Border

WASHINGTON Government officials ruled recently that American warplanes bought by the French, British and Canadian Governments could not be flown to Canada under their own power, and could not take off from American soil for flights across the Atlantic.

Under international law, it was ruled, this would constitute an armed expedition.

Experts agreed, however, that there was nothing to prevent planes being flown to the Canadian border and being pushed or pulled across the border without being dismantled.

Once an American plane is across the border there is nothing to prevent it being flown across the Atlantic.

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- C2208—From Offenbach's Sample BoxMarek Weber & Orch.
- C2287—Negro Spiritual MedleyPaul Robeson, with Orch.
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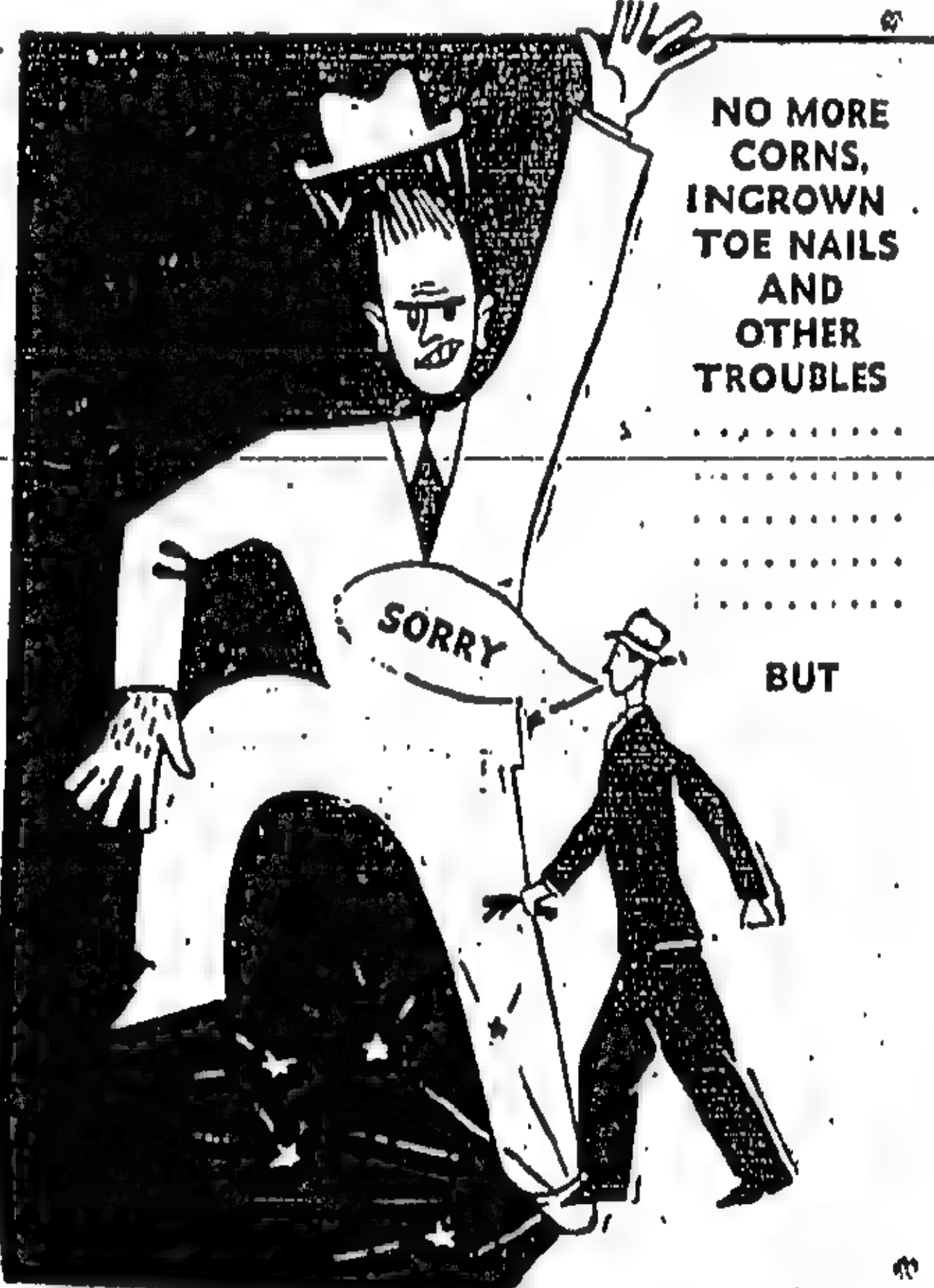
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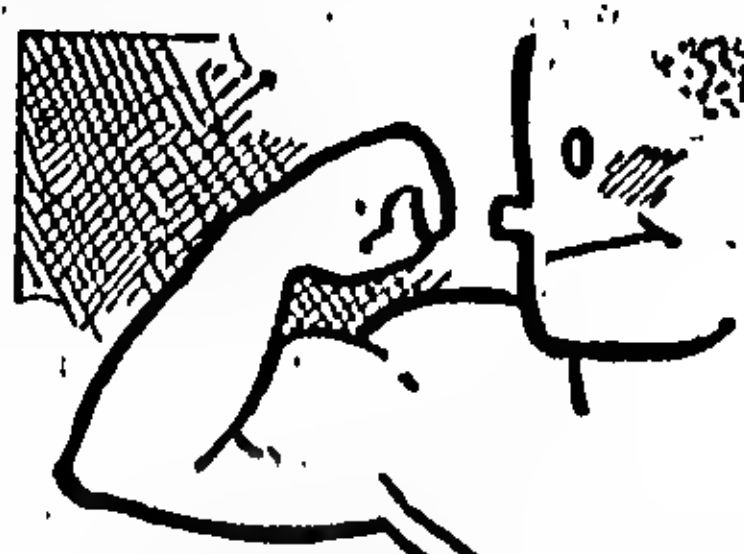
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Beating The Bomber?

THIS is a war of paradoxes.
Russia brands Britain and
France as aggressors for doing
what it has been urging them to
do for years. For weeks the
world's mightiest armies face
each other without any fighting
worth talking of taking place. It
is therefore perhaps not surpris-
ing that the claim of Dr. Goeb-
bel's Propaganda Ministry that
fifty per cent of the British air-
planes which raided Wilhelm-
shaven and Cuxhaven were
brought down tells heavily
against Germany's chances of
ultimate success.From the British point of
view these raids were highly
successful; but no attempt has
been made to deny that the at-
tacking force suffered heavy
losses. Heavy losses, too, have
been inflicted upon German air-
planes striving to bomb the
English coast. And a German
bomber was brought down by
the Royal Air Force Patrol be-
fore it reached British shores.These German losses have
been ascribed to marked superi-
ority in the British fighter
planes. But the more considered
and generally accepted view is
that air defence is to-day so well
organised and efficient that,
both in Germany and in Britain,
it has got the upper hand over
the attack.Subsequent events may cause
this judgment to be revised.
But so far, it is the logical con-
clusion from the course the war
has taken.Manifestly it is a conclusion
greatly to the advantage of the
Allies. It is not they, but Ger-
many, whose power is built on
an assumption of the overwhelm-
ing striking force of airplanes.
It is not they, but Germany,
who will suffer most if this
striking power be neutralised.If, in fact, the bomber cannot
always get through, Germany
will have lost the advantage
upon which she very largely re-
lied.Warfare in
The Arctic
CircleTHE SCENE of to-day's
fighting in Finnish Lap-
land, where Soviet troops
and Finns struggle for pos-
session of the Arctic Road,
is not familiar to many.A few fishermen of vary-
ing nationalities go there
during happier times to
catch the salmon and trout
that abound in the lakes and
rivers. A handful of mo-
torists take their cars up
the sandy high-
way from the
Arctic Circle,
where the Hel-
singfors-Rova-
niemi railway
ends, to Lilna-
hamari, the ice-
free harbour on the Arctic
Ocean.At intervals all the way up the
road are little red wooden
huts, charmingly furnished,
where in summer students from
the University, speaking several
languages, look after the com-
fort of tourists and of
passengers from the twice-a-day
buses, that take two days over
the full journey.THE southern half of the road
is pretty but monotonous.
Endless fir-forests completely
cover the rolling countryside.
Here and there a river cuts the
road and while unfrozen must
be crossed on a floating plat-
form that is propelled by hook-
ing notched billets of wood on
the wires that stretch from bank
to bank. But beyond Ivalo,
which boasts a tiny hospital, a
hotel and a few shops, the
scenery improves. The enorm-
ous lake of Inari can be seen be-
tween the trees, with its
thousand little islands.At Salmijarvi and Pitkajarvi
where battles are now being
fought, is the grandest stretch
of country to be seen. Pitka-
jarvi, ("jarvi" means "lake"),
is particularly beautiful. A
huge stretch of water is backed
by a great hill which in summer
and winter is equally impressive.
The road runs along the east
shore and the western shore is
in Norway.North of this point trees
gradually grow fewer,
smaller. The next stop on the
bus route is Ylaluostari, where
there is a small Russian monas-
tery and an inn. Some miles
further on is Alaluostari, where
there is another Russian church.
Then there are no more signs
of human life until Linahamari
is reached.Because this harbour remains
open throughout the severest
winter it was rapidly becoming
quite a settlement. A large inn,
a petrol station, several dwell-
ing-houses and godowns were
there when I last visited it five
years ago and by now it must
be very much enlarged. All this
tract of land north of Pitkajarvi
is called Petsamo, so when the
Soviets claim to have conquered
or captured it, it is probably an
exaggeration.Progress by troops over
this sort of heavily wood-
ed country is of necessity
difficult... almost insuper-
ably difficult in summer. Great
treacherous swamps called "mos-
sas" cover low-lying land
between lakes and can only then
be crossed by those who know
them well. In winter, of course,
the ice and snow make them
safe and, with their lack of
trees they prove, like the ice-
bound lakes, the only places
where progress on skis is at all
swift.FINNISH skis have, as a rule,
none of the complicated
harness needed by skiers in
mountainous districts. A sim-
ple strap allows a curly-toed
boot to be slipped in and out ata moment's notice, once in, this
same curly toe keeps it in place.
In the forests it is more con-
venient to carry them than to
manoeuvre them through the
close-growing trees.Fighters in this Northern
land these days never see the
sun. In fact all this month
they will probably see no day-
light.Between noon and 3 p.m. a
rosy glow on the horizon lights
up the snow in a theatrical and
romantic way.During the
night the glories
of the shimmer-
ing sea-green
and pink Aurora
Borealis may
thrill them in
the Northern
sky. Otherwise they must depend
on the moon and stars to light
their way. Early in the New
Year the sun appears again and
every "day" is considerably
longer than the one before,
hastening towards the 24-hour
length it attains at the end of
June.THE NATIVE inhabitants of
the country suffer, we can
hope, possibly less than refugees
of any other race because they
are a nomadic people.The little Lapp, most timid
and harmless of souls, travels
hundreds of miles every winter
after new feeding-grounds for
the reindeer that are his wealth.
Living in their pointed skin
tents, they settle a while round
some place where their beasts
can hoof away the snow and
browse on the moss they love.
The men spear holes in the ice
of the lake and fish under con-
ditions freezing enough to deter
the toughest of Messrs. Hardy's
customers. Then, the feeding
ground laid waste, they move on
with all their belongings to the
next suitable spot.It is only in summer, when their
reindeer are turned loose to range at
will over the whole country, that the
Lapp stays any length of time in one
place and even then he makes many
excursions in his skin canoes, in-
cluding one grand trek down to
Rovaniemi to sell the skins collected
during the winter.The reindeer provides the Lapp
with his winter clothing of skin and
fur—a hood, a cloak, huge mitts,
and loose fur stockings to tuck into
his soft, high boots. These are also
stuffed with straw against frost-bite.
Reindeer horn provides his wife
with needles and weaving-shuttles
and with a part of her hair. His
children drink reindeer milk and his
feasts are of reindeer meat.Then, too, he trains as many as
necessary of his reindeer to act as
transport animals. He and all his
family and their luggage travel over
the snow in "pulkas". These are
narrow, boat-shaped sleds holding
one person only. Once in, you are
in for good, so to speak. Should
your very wild puller decide to run
away, you may turn somersaults and
be dashed from rock to rock on the
very hard ground but you cannot get
out unless you cut the traces and let
him go. If you annoy your rein-
deer he may turn round and try to
gore you, pulka and all. But sup-
posing you get a docile beast, the
motion is pleasant. He can attain
quite a considerable speed with his
clumsy, lolling gait, and cover
many dozen miles a day under good
conditions.BESIDE the native Lapp, many
Finns have settled up in the
northernmost parts of their country
and the loss of their farms and
villages, burnt by retreating armies,
will cause terrible suffering.Farmers and wood-cutters in these
desolate regions lead at the best of
times an extremely hard life.
During the short summer, tor-
mented by mosquitoes, they must
work 24 hours a day in their fields
to collect green stuff for themselves
and hay to feed their beasts during
the 7 or 8 months of snow.In the winter, apart from trapping,
there is little that can be done out-
doors. Those who can afford it
often move down to Rovaniemi for
the winter, returning to their farms
at the first sign of thaw.It is these hardy men who are
fighting on their own ground to keep
their own country.It would be difficult to find a more
determined adversary than the Finn
with that inborn quality of "sisu",
that quality which prevents a man
from giving up despite privation and
exhaustion.
Should the Soviet, with her over-
whelmingly superior numbers, over-
run his country, she will find that
even then she is very far from any
kind of real or successful victory.

This is the Story of

AH MOOI

AH MOOI was six years
old, small and golden
brown, slender and
with a mouth like a folded
flower.One lovely morning, when
all the rice had been gather-
ed and when Ah Mooi's
mother had a little time to
spare, she called Ah Mooi.Ah Mooi knew why she had
been called. For days she had
been so happy and excited,
(though no one would have
guessed this; Chinese children
are usually so grave and
tranquil) for she had been prom-
ised that soon she was to
begin to carry Ah Tai ("Little
Brother") on her back.For a moment Ah Mooi's
heart nearly stopped beating.
She was terribly frightened and
was turning to run away when
she remembered the little
brother fastened on her back.
She stood quite still and held
his small feet.How glad she was to hear
someone calling.The creature stopped as in a
moment a big "foreigner" came
along and fastened a large strap
to his Alsatian. When he saw
the small Ah Mooi looking so
pale and frightened he spoke to
her in Chinese and told her not
to be afraid.Soon Ah Mooi was telling him
that if anything had hurt Ah
Tai she would be punished.
The foreigner said he would take
her home and explain everything
to her mother.FOR some months Ah Mooi had
been prepared for this.
Sometimes several sticks would
be fastened to her back, then an
old doll and later a bundle; and
Ah Mooi could hardly wait to be
allowed to have Ah Tai fastened
in the me-tai which grand-
mother had embroidered so
beautifully.A me-tai is a large square
sling made of strong cloth and
with coloured embroidery on it—
often of birds and flowers. It
has four long ends to fold and
tie round the body. Very often
the babies are nearly as big as
the small children who carry
them!Ah Mooi came and listened
while her mother told her how
careful she was to be of Ah Tai.
"If you sit, Ah Mooi, remember
to leave plenty of room for Ah
Tai behind!"SOON lovely fat Ah Tai—who
was several months old—was
fastened up tight to Ah Mooi's
small flat back and Ah Mooi put
a small hand to each side, held
the tiny feet, and felt im-
measurably happy.Ah Tai was wearing his
"tiger" cap with two pointed
fur ears, so that any wandering
evil spirits would think it was
a ferocious tiger and not a baby
and give it a wide berth.She trotted off and walked
along the narrow grass verge
which separated the rice fields
from each other and was turning
a corner by the well.Suddenly a huge creature
came springing towards her.THE foreigner, who was really
a very kind doctor, loved
the Chinese as much as they all
loved him. Very soon Ah Mooi
was telling him how, to-day,
she had been allowed to carry
Ah Tai for the first time.While she was chattering away
in her silvery voice the doctor
was watching her carefully,
noticing that Ah Mooi's eyes
were inflamed and sore. The
doctor had lived a long time in
China; one of the things that
made him sad was that so many
children suffered in this way
and often went blind.He had found a way of
treating and often curing them,
but it usually meant hospital-
isation, often too difficult for Chinese
parents are afraid of the "foreign
devils".Somehow this was Ah Mooi's
lucky day, for just as her
mother came out to meet her,
the Chief of the next village
came by. He hurried forward
and told Ah Mooi's mother how
the wonderful foreign doctor
had cured his son's eyes some
two or three years ago.Bye and bye, after much talk-
ing with Ah Mooi's parents and
grandparents, who really matter-
ed most, for grandparents are
very important in China, it was
agreed that Ah Mooi should go
with the doctor.By the time the rice was next
harvested, little Ah Mooi was
completely cured and back with
Ah Tai again fastened in the me-
tai to her small back. She
told him of all the wonderful
things she had seen in the big
hospital and how kind the
"foreign devils" had been.To-day Ah Mooi is happily
employed as Amah to the
doctor's children.—C.

NEW YEAR TRAGEDIES

Many Die In Hotel Fire And Train Smash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
An hotel fire in Minneapolis and a train smash near Tokyo yesterday resulted in at least 28 deaths, according to exclusive reports received by the "Telegraph."

A "United Press" message from Minneapolis says that at least 18 people lost their lives yesterday following an outbreak of fire in the furnace room of the Marlborough Apartment Hotel in the city.

The stairway was enveloped in flames, trapping most of the 200 residents.

"Reuter" confirms the death toll, and adds that although all available fire engines were called out, the cold was so intense that the water from the hoses froze before reaching the flames.

Fatal Collision

A "Domei" report from Tokyo says that ten persons were killed and over 60 injured, many of them seriously, when a head-on collision occurred on Tuesday afternoon on the Musashino electric railway near the border between the Tokyo and Saitama Prefectures.

A freight train ran into a passenger train crowded with New Year holiday-makers.

The accident occurred on a steep hill, where a sharp curve prevented a long range view for the engine drivers.

20 Bodies Recovered

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 3 (UP).—Twenty bodies have been recovered 40 people were injured 23 of whom have been sent to hospital.

Those injured include two firemen and two policemen.

Praise From The French

British War Effort Appreciated

PARIS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The British Empire's concerted war effort is warmly praised by a contributor to "Le Matin."

French troops watching the Rhine, he says, receive deep satisfaction at the steady growing-up, beside them, of a British army which also counts its soldiers by the million.

The "Contemptible Little Army" has once again become a great army in a very short time, and Frenchmen could not praise too highly their British friends for not delaying a single day in their efforts towards a triumph of their joint task.

"WE CANNOT PRETEND THIS WAR IS NOT OUR BUSINESS"

FROM PAGE ONE

—If it is ruled by force in the hands of a few.

"Already the clash of swiftly moving events over the earth has made all of us think with a longer view."

"Fortunately, that thinking cannot be controlled by partisanship."

"The time is long past when any political party or any particular group can carry or capture public favour by labelling itself a 'peace party' or a 'peace bloc.' That label belongs to the whole United States and to every right-thinking man, woman and child within it."

"Out of the military turmoil into which the world has been plunged two facts have emerged."

"Firstly, the United States' accomplishment towards the establishment of a 'good neighbour' policy in south and central America is without precedent."

"Secondly, public opinion in almost every nation is convinced that the United States will continue to be potent and active in seeking world peace."

Flames Of Human Liberty
President Roosevelt concluded: "We must, as a united people, keep ablaze the flames of human liberty, reason, democracy and fair-play."

"May the year 1940 be pointed to by posterity as another period when democracy justified its existence as the best instrument of government yet devised by mankind."

DEFENDERS MAINTAIN OFFENSIVE
(Continued from Page 1.)

designing new and highly important models of Red Army armament," Vassili Degtyarev is awarded the title of Hero of Socialist Labour, the Order of Lenin and 50,000 roubles.

The "Izvestia" remarks that Degtyarev's inventions have been of very great importance, enhancing the technical might of the Red Army.

Infantry, aviation and tank troops have received armaments in no way inferior and in some respects surpassing the best foreign models.

UNITY MITFORD IN ACCIDENT
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Mitford family left Folkestone for the Redoubt home in Buckinghamshire, but were compelled to return later owing to an accident on route to the ambulance in which Unity was travelling.

The family are staying the night at Folkestone.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/27 1/2
Demand do.	1/27 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	310
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	24 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	48 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/2
T.T. Saigon	108 1/2
T.T. France	10.00
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/c London	1/37 3/32
4 m/s D/L Do.	1/31 1/32
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	25 1/2
4 m/s France	11.40
20 London	1.84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.05

MORE ARRESTS IN REICH

LONDON, Jan. 3. A new wave of arrests has recently swept over the Czech Protectorate, The Times correspondent in Prague learns from Prague. Four Generals and a large group of former Czechoslovak Army officers living in Moravia are among those taken into custody.

The entire staff of the foreign correspondence section of the Skoda Works are held in custody for investigation and there have been arrests also in the newly formed Government troops. Two journalists were arrested in their offices.

The Gestapo has raided an illegal newspaper called "Boj" (To Arms) and some of the editorial collaborators are believed to have been killed.

The prisons in Prague are still full and the Karlovo Namesti dungeons, which used to be shown to tourists as examples of medieval barbarism, are now in use.—Reuter Special.

Report Denied

Berlin, Jan. 3. Authoritative quarters deny the Capenburen reports that Russia has asked Germany to send specialists to Russia.

The Voelkischer Beobachter had renewed its attacks on the Belgian Press which is accused of being pro-Ally and not neutral.—United Press.

Newsman's Prediction

New York, Jan. 3. The prediction that 1940 will bring purges in Germany is made by Dorothy Thompson writing in the Herald-Tribune.

She also forecasts that the Nazi regime will encounter very strong opposition from the women and farmers during the year.—Reuter.

Afghan Border

London, Jan. 3. It is authoritatively stated in London official circles that no credence whatever can be attached to the rumours given out in certain foreign broadcasts of Russian troop concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan.

It is further learned that the Afghan Government has officially denied there has been any mobilisation of their armed forces and nothing whatever is known of any mobilisation in Iran.—Reuter.

AMERICAN FLEET

Washington, Jan. 3. Mr. Charles Edison, Assistant Navy Secretary, is studying means for acceleration of the record warship construction programme.

He said the Navy's authorized building programme was progressing ahead of schedule in some categories without causing delay in any other category. The authorized programme was on the regular planned basis, any acceleration of which must be submitted to Congress which would be called upon to decide on that before very long. At this time it might be more advantageous to lay down more authorized ships.

Mr. Edison said the Navy, at Congress request, is assembling data as to the feasibility of construction of super-battleships up to 30,000 tons, but it was too early to reach any conclusions. He intends to push scientific research on the latest weapons and ships and to "grab any new foreign ideas, inasmuch as the United States has no monopoly on brains."

The Navy was pushing ahead with the development of fast motor torpedo boats and sub-chasers, of which it was eager to have a flotilla for tests. If they are found satisfactory, the Navy may produce on a mass production basis.—United Press.

Welcomed As Heroes
Montevideo, Jan. 3. The newspaper Elida with a very wide circulation, appeals to the Uruguayan women to receive the men of H.M.S. Ajax with flowers.

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood, who commanded the British forces during the battle with the Admiral Graf Spee, visited the President of Uruguay and the Foreign and Defence Ministers.

The visit is purely a courtesy one lasting two days.—Reuter.

Neutrals' Losses
Stockholm, Jan. 3. The Swedish Minister of Marine has announced that Sweden lost 11 ships, totalling 17,000 tons, since the beginning of the war.

The Norwegian Government has declared that their losses were 21 ships and the lives of 91 seamen.—Reuter Bulletin.

Graf Spee conqueror receives warm welcome

MONTevideo, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—An extremely warm welcome was given to H.M.S. Ajax when she arrived here to-day on a 48-hour courtesy visit.

The Ajax fired a salvo when she was two miles out of port and this was returned by the Montevideo marine arsenal.

Two special tugs led her to the berth vacated by the cruiser, Uruguay, while ships sounded their sirens and a crowd of thousands of Uruguayans and members of the British colony cheered themselves hoarse.

Observers state that the Ajax shows no traces of her battle with the Graf Spee, whose battered hull she passed on her way into Montevideo.

Large crowds broke through the police cordons time and again. The British Minister to Uruguay and members of the Legation staff went on board and were received by Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood and his officers.

To-day, 200 of the crew went out to the Polo Club for a picnic as guest of the Pro-Ally Committee, and another 200 will be similarly entertained to-morrow.

Rear-Admiral Harwood and his officers are guests of the British Legation and will be entertained by the Pro-Ally Committee to-day.

It is reported that H.M.S. Achilles, another of the three ships in the Graf Spee battle, is now on her way up the River Plate to pay a similar visit to Buenos Aires and the Argentine Republic.

Welcome To Achilles
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—A roaring welcome was given the British cruiser, H.M.S. Achilles, on her arrival here on a courtesy visit. Crowds lined the wharves and cheered lustily.

Thousands of people were kept back by a cordon, and the Police had to restrain the crowd which sought to rush the gangway.

After the cruiser had moored, the Argentine authorities went aboard. A heavy programme of entertainments is provided for the officers and men.

Tribute To C.-in-C.
Captain Parry, in an interview, expressed appreciation at the magnificent reception and paid a tribute to the manner in which Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood conducted the action by concentrating his ships exactly at the right time in the right place, by attacking as soon as the Graf Spee was sighted and giving orders so unmistakably that although the Achilles had joined the squadron only two days before the action, Captain Parry knew exactly what to do if they met the Graf Spee.

Captain Parry added that the New Zealanders behaved magnificently in the battle.

Red Diplomat Is Sarcastic

Finn Claims Compared With Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The exaggerated character of much of the news regarding Soviet war activities in Finland is alleged in a statement issued by the Soviet Embassy in London.

The statement declares that the alleged civilian casualties due to large-scale bombardments of open towns are not borne out by a news agency report from Helsinki for December 20, in which it was estimated that the casualties totalled 200.

The statement compares this figure with the results of a single Japanese raid on Chungking last May, and sarcastically alleges that the number of Soviet tanks allegedly destroyed in Finland favourably compares with the numbers of Soviet aeroplanes claimed to be brought down by Japanese communique during the summer last year on the Mongolian-Manchurian frontier.

Nazis Revive The Q-Boat
BERLIN, Jan. 3 (UP).—An authorised source to-day admitted that two German U-boats have been sunk by British "submarine traps," namely armed merchant ships, since the beginning of the war.

It is worthy of note that this is the first admission of U-boat losses made by authorised German quarters.

Blame Them For "First" U-Boat Losses
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Nazi Assertion Ridiculed
OSLO, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The German assertion that the Allies, particularly Great Britain, are using the Soviet-Finnish conflict as a lever to obtain "non-neutral" support from the Scandinavian states in their own war is described in the "Dagbladet" as "fantasy."

The Journal adds that obviously what Germany fears is that the Allies are seizing the opportunity to weaken Russia, which is coming more and more to be regarded in Berlin as an ally of the Reich.

Contraband Control

New Methods Now Being Adopted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The tightening of the control of Nazi exports is revealed in a statement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

It says that since January 1, it is the normal practice to divert to a control base any ship whose cargo is not wholly covered by certificates of origin issued by Allied Consular officers.

Certain exceptions are still being given for goods ordered and paid for before November 27, and hardship cases are also taken into account. But many applications for exemption have been refused and some cargoes have been unloaded at the control bases and detained.

Camouflage Attempts
There is increasing evidence, says the Ministry, that certain firms in neutral countries are lending themselves to attempts to camouflage goods of enemy origin as neutral goods, and the necessary steps are being taken to check such traffic.

The statement adds that United States exporters are taking readily to the system of navicerts, and during December, the first month of their operation, applications were made for about 250,000 tons of goods under navicerts.

STOCK MARKET REPORT
Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: Firm conditions prevailed over the market during the morning with prices again being largely dealt in and at advancing rates.

H.K. Stock Market
The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Banks, \$1,380 b.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.), \$82 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.), \$84 1/2 n.
Chartered, \$84 n.
Mercantile, A. & B., \$29 1/2 n.
Mercantile, C., \$11 1/2 n.
East Asia, \$78 n.

INSURANCES
Canton, \$200 b.
Union, \$430 b.
China Underwriter, \$14 n.
H.K. Fire, \$185 n.

SHIPPING
Douglases, \$72 b.
Steamboats, \$11 n.
Indo-China, \$100 b.
Indo-China S.S., \$80 b.
Shell (Bearers), \$81 1/2 n.
Waterboats, \$7 1/2 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves, \$101 n.
Docks, \$21 b. & sa.
Providents, \$450 b.
Nov. Eng. Sh., \$19.80 n.
Sh. Docks Sh., \$214 n.

MINING
Kallan s/-, \$17/0 n.
Rauas, \$10.50 sa.
Venz. Gold, \$4 n.
H.K. Mines, \$4 cts. n.

LANDS
Halls, \$5.05 b.
Lands, \$33 sa.
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R.A.F. PLANE'S FATAL FLIGHT
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announced that the British aircraft forced down in Belgium was attacked by three German fighters while engaged in reconnaissance over Germany.

One member of the crew was killed and two were slightly injured.

Compulsory Labour Announced
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Both Sweden and Rumania are to have compulsory labour services.

In Sweden under a Bill passed on Tuesday, labour will be compulsory for equipping and maintaining Sweden's defences as well as for such vital services as agriculture and transport.

All farm labour, it was announced in Rumania to-day, is now compulsory.

AMERICAN LEADERS CONFER

Washington, Jan. 3. President Roosevelt, Vice-President Garner, Senator Barkley, leader of the Senate, and Congressman Rayburn, leader of the House of Representatives, reviewed plans and hopes for the new session of Congress at an hour's conference.

Senator Barkley said President Roosevelt outlined the message he will deliver to-morrow to the joint session of both Houses.

He said the Budget message may not be sent before Friday.

Mr. Garner was in jovial mood following the conference. This was his first meeting with President Roosevelt since he announced he was available for nomination as a candidate for the Presidency.

Senator Barkley said the President's message would deal at length with foreign affairs.

It is reliably reported that President Roosevelt will point out the need for \$400,000,000 to \$500,000,000 new revenue to finance the increased defence programme.—United Press.

Address To-day
Washington, Jan. 3. Congress meets at noon on Wednesday to hear President Roosevelt's "state of union" message which is expected to deal extensively with foreign affairs.

It is predicted that he will ask, first, for extension of the reciprocal trade treaty expiring in June; second, an additional 500 million dollars to be expended on national defence, but not for special taxes; third, remind the legislators of Congress that they are already 550 million dollars above the budget account in farm parity and other agricultural payments; fourth, no recommendations for new taxes; fifth, defend the neutrality programme; sixth, no proposal for revival of the spending and lending measure.

The Democrats hope for a short session. The Republicans, Conservatives and Democrats are expected to fight for economy. The chief restraining element to further spending in any case will be the fact of the steadily mounting national debt, which is at present 42,000 million and within 3,000 million of the 45,000 million statutory limit.—United Press.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes MACAO INTERPORT AT EASTER?

CLUB TROUNCE NAVY AT RUGGER

(By "Fly-half")

ON THE CLUB GROUND yesterday evening, the Club "A" defeated a weak Navy team at rugby by 30 points (3 goals, 5 tries) to 3 points (a penalty goal). Beaten in all departments, Navy put up a plucky display, especially up forward where they used their feet to advantage in wild rushes.

For Club, Medman, playing at scrum-half, was wild in his passing, which gave D. Hynes, at stand-off half, an anxious time. Atkenhead, a new acquisition from Ceylon, played a sterling game at inside-three-quarter, and should prove a valuable asset to Club XV once he settles down and gets into condition.

Sloker, Richardson, Burford and Godfrey did well in the Club back, which dominated the tight scrums through the excellent hooking of Burford. Richardson made a return to form with his kicking, converting everything allotted to him. P. Wilson, on Club's left wing, showed a fine turn of pace in scoring two tries. Longmuir and Charles were hard-working forwards for the Navy.

In the first half, Club scored through Luvall, Stoker, Van Durhams v. Kai Tak At Rugby To-day

The Durham Light Infantry will meet Kai Tak in a friendly game of rugby at Prince Edward Road to-day, commencing at 5 p.m.

Leeuwen, Atkenhead and Wilson. Richardson converted three. After the resumption, Medman was penalised for picking the ball out of the scrum, and from the penalty kick, Jeffries converted. Club went further ahead through tries by Wilson, Godfrey and Luvall.

The teams were:
Club: A. J. C. Taylor; H. Van Leeuwen, Atkenhead, R. M. Luvall and P. Wilson; D. Hynes and J. Redman; W. Stoker, W. Burford, R. E. Godfrey and W. B. Richardson.
Navy: Snell; W. Jeffries, Mid. Tate, Richards and Addis; Mid. O'Riordan and Chapman; Marrow, Davies, Inglis; Longmuir, Barlow; Pay, Lt. Charles, Jones and Mid. Murray-Jones.

Badminton

St. John's Trounce Club de Recreio In "B" Division

THREE "B" Division Badminton matches were played yesterday. At the Club de Recreio, St. John's trounced their hosts by 9-0. St. Andrew's won their first match when they beat the Kowloon C.C. by 7-2. In the remaining game St. Teresa's beat the Victoria Recreation Club by 8-1.

The scores were:
St. John's v. Recreio (Recreio lost) 9-0; St. Andrew's v. Kowloon C.C. (St. Andrew's won) 7-2; St. Teresa's v. Victoria Recreation Club (St. Teresa's won) 8-1.

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Cricket Teams For The Week-end

The following will represent Recreio against Happy Valley on Saturday: A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), L. G. Gano, P. M. H. R. Silva, A. P. Pereira, L. G. Gano, N. Beltrão, J. M. Gano, L. G. Gano.

The following will represent Crigen against Army on Saturday at the Valley: J. Zimmerman (Capt.), A. R. H. Small, A. B. Hammon, A. J. Hulse, A. R. Small, A. T. Lee, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong, Hing, G. W. H. Zimmerman, Umpire G. Ladd, Scorer H. W. Randall.

Royal Engineers' First Defeat In Tournament: Victory For Radio

GOOD NEWS has been received from Macao during the New Year holidays. The Portuguese Colony, I hear, is willing to take part in the Interport with Hongkong provided that the game is played during the Easter Holidays instead of the Chinese New Year.

I should imagine the H.K.H.A. would be only too glad to agree with Macao's proposal. I am inclined to think that there would be too many counter attractions during the Chinese New Year. The Macao hockey players have taken to soccer this season, but they are just as anxious to get back to the stick game once more, and are willing to meet all-comers from Hongkong in friendly fixtures after January 7.

I wish more local clubs would follow the example of the University, and give the Portuguese Colony a few games before Easter.

THE Royal Engineers suffered their first defeat in the Association Tournament when they went down 3-2 to the Radio and Postal Sports Club at Sookunpo last Sunday. In the first ten minutes, the Sappers exerted great pressure through their left wing, and Fox found the net after a fierce attack.

After twenty minutes, however, the champions rallied strongly and G. Singh broke through to level the score in the closing minutes of the first half.

In the second half, the Radmen took control of the game, and with fine combination and attack-work, the forwards got going, and two brilliant goals were added by G. Singh and K. Singh.

The winners were ably generalised by their tireless skipper, Gurbachan Singh, who was outstanding in the forward line for speed and opportunism. Awair Singh and K. H. Hassan were prominent at centre-half, and the wing halves, Carter and Gurdial Singh were hard workers.

The last line of defence did well, and U. B. Silva was safe in goal.

IT was a fair result, as the Sappers fell away somewhat in the second half, the defence failing to hold up the fast-moving forwards, and their forwards being unable to make any headway against a strong visiting defence.

Honouring scored his goal one second before the final whistle, and was an untiring worker for the home side, combining attack with defence to great effect. Fox made many electrifying runs down the left wing in the first half, and Singleton, on the right wing, also sent in some useful centres during this period.

The inside forwards, however, gave their wingers poor support. Denyer definitely had an off-day. The Engineers' defence slackened in the second half, and it was error by Goodwin and Marriott which resulted in the third goal being scored.

Crosby, at centre-half, however, was always in the limelight, and strove manfully to stay the progress of the Radio forwards. Russell played a safe game at full back, and Dobson in goal could hardly be blamed for the goals which beat him.

Sappers started with a rush but they faded away for Radio to outplay them in the second half.

IN the only Caer Clark Cup fixture played last Saturday, Central British School girls obtained their first victory when they accounted for Recreio Ladies in a fast game by 3-2.

Though playing without the services of Miss Horwood, their left back, the schoolgirls showed brilliant form, and completely overran the visitors' defence throughout the game. Obtaining a commanding advantage, the girls led by 3-1 in the first half. Miss June Moss, Miss Joan Bradbury and Miss Edna Watson in turn scoring very nice goals.

The left wing combination of Miss Shand and Miss Bertha made several good movements, and helped immensely towards their team's success. I was particularly pleased at the display given by the intermediates, Miss S. Rose, Miss P. Kirby and Miss J. Kov. The wing halves were forever breaking up numerous attacks, and feeding their forwards with neat slick passes.

Recreio would have had more goals to their credit but for the brilliance of Miss Betty Goodwin, who played a very sound game at full back. The schoolgirls have reason to congratulate themselves on such a fine victory, and with only ten players, I wish them further success on their home ground this new year.

RECREIO... fought gamely to equalise, and Miss A. Alves reduced the deficit once in each half, but generally the defence found the schoolgirls too fast for them. Miss D. Remedios was speedy on the right

wing, and on several occasions had the home defence in difficulties. The outstanding player, however, was Mrs. R. Silva, at left half, and Miss P. Goncalves improved in the second half. The backs were slow in their tackling, and were unable to recover lost ground.

It was a good game, however, with the schoolgirls a trifle quicker on the ball, and worthy winners.

ON the same ground, in the Brawn Cup League, the Recreio beat the C.B.S. 4-0, in a one-sided encounter. The Recreio juniors were by far the better team, and proved too good for their inexperienced opponents. Miss M. Campos and Miss M. Figueiredo combined well in the attack, but Miss L. Rodrigues' display on the left wing was the bright feature of the game. Her nice centres paved the way for most of the goals which were scored.

Miss M. Osmond, at pivot, was also good, and Miss M. Ribeiro, at left back, made several brilliant clearances.

Had the Recreio forwards taken their chances in the first half their score would probably have been double figures.

WHILE the C.B.A. defence worked tremendously hard, making every effort at intercepting and tackling, their forwards were not conspicuous for their combination.

Miss M. McFarlane, however, as leader, worked very hard indeed, and it was unfortunate that she received a bad shaking-up during the game when she collided with Miss C. Silva in an attempt to score. Miss Bonney, at centre-half, was noticeable for some intelligent following-up, and was well backed up by Miss V. Moss, the right back.

As a combination, the schoolgirls were poor, and in need of correct coaching. They barely understood the rules of the game, and were continually pulled up for glaring infringements they knew nothing about.

The umpires for this game again failed to appear, and a kind-hearted Pilgrim consented to control the game on his own, as this would have been the third occasion the youngsters would have been let down.

From what I hear, the girls are receiving very poor support from the School itself, and it is about time someone took the team in hand.

I AM glad to hear that the C.B.A. have sportingly consented to play off their tournament fixture against the Royal Engineers on the latter's ground, as the game was originally fixed for the C.B.A. ground.

The latter ground at the moment is in a very bad state, and the home team have done wise to transfer to the Army ground at Sookunpo, which is the best in the Colony.

I am inclined to think the Sappers are on the brink of their second defeat, but one can depend on them putting up a good show. I would advise enthusiasts to watch this game next Sunday on the Sookunpo ground at 10 a.m. It is going to be a tough match.

Hongkong Team Beat Durhams By 4-3

A HONGKONG TEAM defeated the Durham Light Infantry by 4-3 in a friendly game of Polo at Boundary Street yesterday. The teams started level.

Capt. Burn was the outstanding player on the field, scoring a beautiful shot from the 60 yard penalty line in the first chukka.

Goalkeepers for Hongkong were Capt. Burn (2), Lt. Forrester, and Lt. Chatterly. For the Durhams, Capt. Davis, Major Simpson and Major Kirby.

The teams were—Hongkong: Capt. Burn, Lt. Forrester, Lt. Chatterly and Capt. Chatterly. Durhams: Capt. Davis, Major Simpson, Major Arden, and Major Kirby.



One of the players taking a shot during the basketball match at the Fong Lam School where the Fong Lam girls beat the Kwangtung Girls High School last week-end.—S. H. Hain.

FOREIGN GOLFERS INVADE MANILA Open Tournament Starts To-morrow At Wack Wack

MANILA, Jan. 4 (UP).—The strongest array of foreign golfers ever to invade Manila will participate in the 28th annual \$5,000 Philippine Open tournament which starts here to-morrow.

H. J. Bolden, president of the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club, has announced that several stars from the United States, Australia and Japan have accepted invitations to participate.

Among the Americans who have signified their intention to seek golfing fame and money half-way around the world from home are "Jug" MacSpaden, holder of the 1939 Canadian Open crown, and the Zimmerman brothers, Al and Mery, of Portland, Oregon.

Heading a delegation of Australians will be Norman von Nida, who will attempt to win his third Philippine Open title in as many years. With him will be Eric Cremin, a veteran Aussie professional, Jim Ferrier, holder of the Australian Open title the past two years, and Sam Richardson, former Australian Open champion.

At least 12 Japanese professionals and amateurs are expected to participate. In the last tournament the Japanese monopolized practically all the places from second to the tenth.

AI TEST OF SKILL

SCENE of the Philippines' Number One golfing event is the Wack Wack Golf and Country Club in Manila's suburbs. It is considered one of the finest golf plants in the Far East. A statement by no less an authority than Gene Sarzen attests to the claim that the layout is a A-1 test to a golfer's skill. Said "Dodo" Gene after an exhibition round last year: "If anybody ever breaks par on this thing, please write and let me know."

Although the Philippine Open dates back to 1913, it was not until last year that it took on an international aspect. The 1938 event marked the first time sufficient inducements were offered to attract foreign stars. But then only golfers in the Far East participated.

Last January, John Montague, the "mystery" golfer and a Hollywood favourite, crossed the ocean expressly for the tourney and was thus the first American to invade the local Open. With at least three Americans assured for the 1940 event, there is promise that the tournament committee's dream of making Manila the nucleus of a Far Eastern circuit may be realized.

Under present plans Open tournaments would be held in Japan, Siam, Australia, India, The Straits Settlements and Manila during the fall months—off-season in the States—where would offer an annual junket to the Orient.

BACKING MONTES

FILIPINO golfers are backing Larry Montes, five-time winner of the Open tournament to bring the title back to the Philippines. Montes is reportedly playing the best golf of his checkered career.

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Bull In China
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NEW YORK, Dec. 12 (UP).—It finally happened—A bull got into a China shop to-day. The bull, a Royalist Dandy Victor of Twin Oaks Farm, Morristown, N. J., was led through the china shop by Fred Waring, orchestra leader. Both nearly died of fright, especially the bull.

It was on a bet. Waring lost a football wager to Paul Douglas, Newsreel Sports Commentator. The loser had to lead a bull through a china shop.

It was disappointing. From now on, "Like a bull in a China Shop" no longer denotes clumsiness with overtones of wreckage and chaos. It means acute timidity, plus resignation.

What happened? Just \$1.17 worth of China was destroyed—by Douglas, not the bull. Douglas broke a plate and a teacup in the hope of arousing "Dandy," as he is known to his intimates, to anger and action. Dandy just blinked and turned his head away. Too noisy, apparently.

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Results Of Fanling
Golf Competitions

The following are the results of recent competitions played by the Royal Hongkong Golf Club at Fanling:

Captain's Cup, first round, match-play stages—G. Riddell-Carr (10) beat T. McFarry (11) one up; J. W. Mayhew (10) beat W. C. Shawen (9) six and four; D. S. Edwards (4) beat J. E. Richardson (10) five and four; L. M. Hely (21) beat G. H. Thurman (14) 4 for 3; (12) beat C. H. Burton (10) three and two; N. K. Littlejohn (10) beat T. E. Pearce (14) one and two; J. T. Smith (2) received a walk-over from L. S. Lloyd (10); S. T. Butler (10) beat W. Hewitt (13) two and one.

G. M. Young Cup, first round—Butterfield and Swire beat Chinese Maritime Customs; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat Chartered Bank; Second Round, Butterfield and Swire beat Asiatic Petroleum Co.; Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have yet to meet Bodwell's.

Stubb's Shield, first round—Royal Army Pay Corps received a walk-over from Naval Yard; Volunteers beat Manufacturers; but two and one; Harbour Office beat H.K.S.R.A. four and two; Chartered Bank beat Financial Advisory Department at the 18th; Butterfield and Swire received a walk-over from J. D. Hutchinson and Co.

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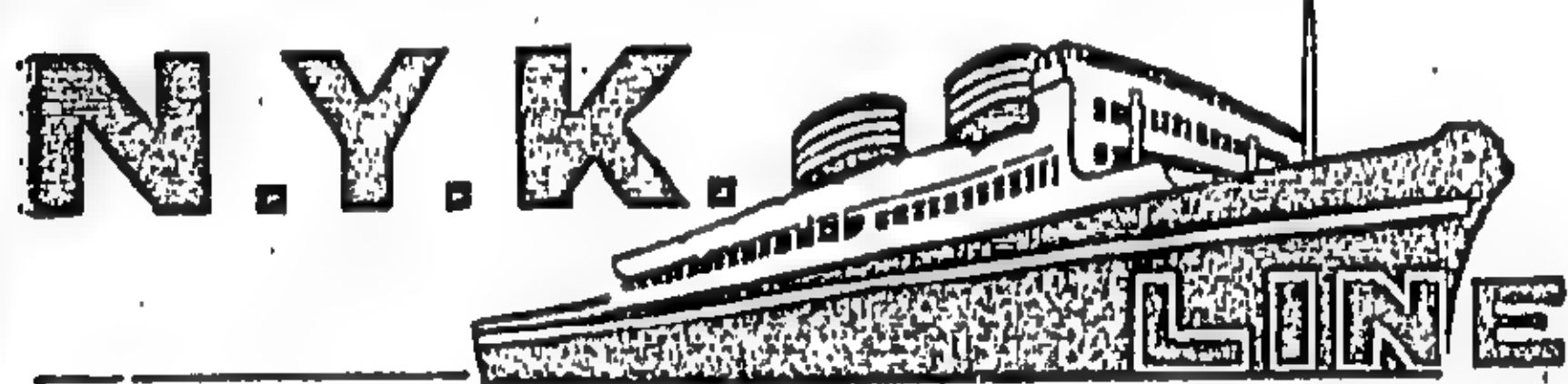
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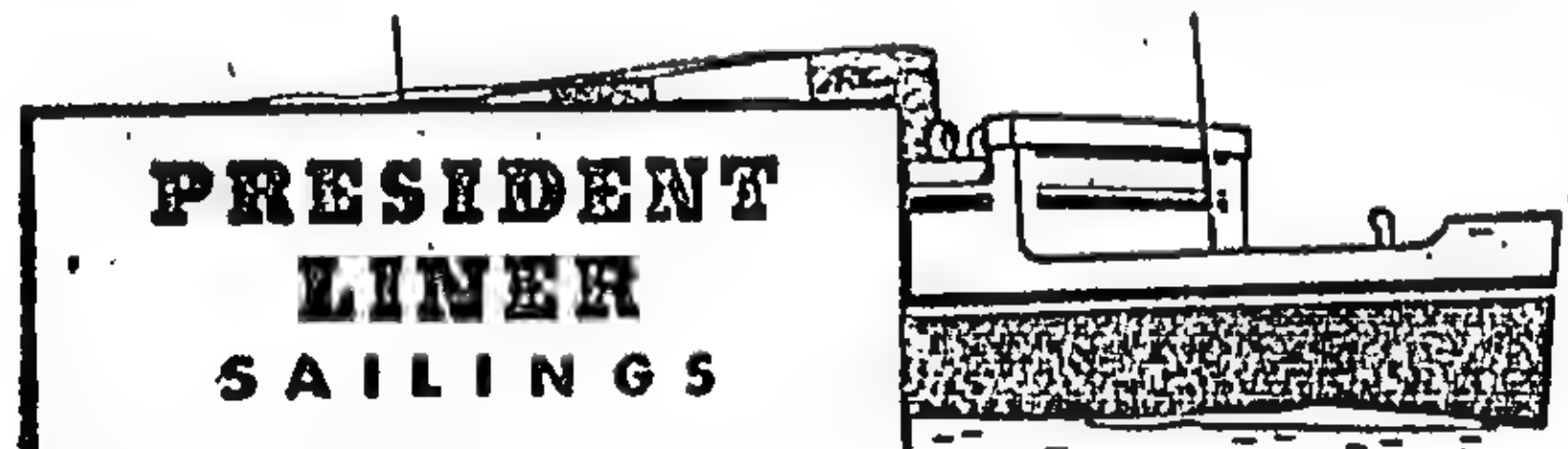
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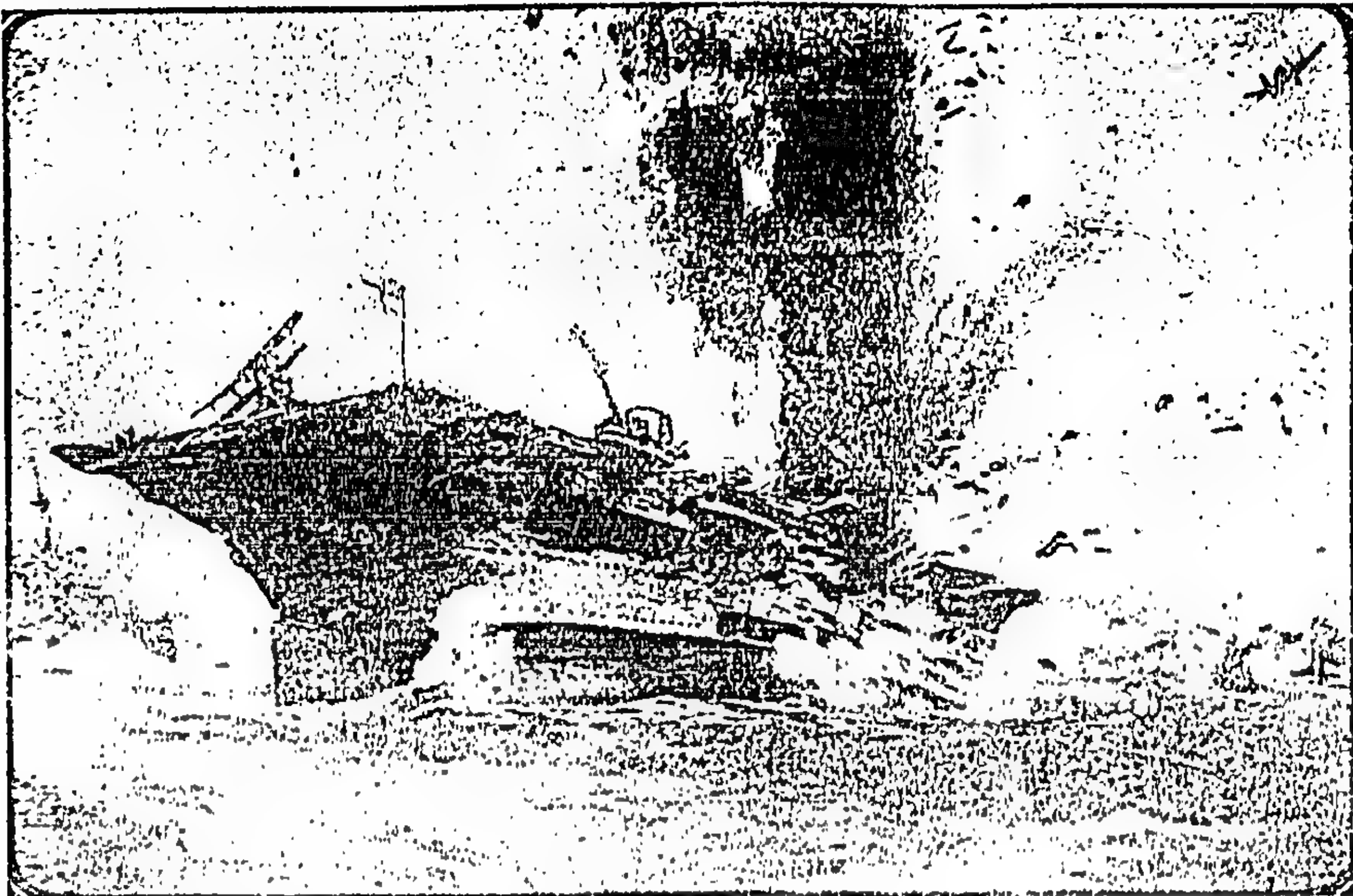
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You will remember that Nazi Leading-Aircraftman Francke received promotion and the Iron Cross (1st and 2nd Class) for outstanding courage in the face of the enemy. He had "sunk" the British aircraft-carrier Ark Royal. Said Goering, said Goebbels, said Hitler. And the Wehrmacht, German news-magazine, illustrated the war's most extraordinary feat—the sinking of a Warship that is Still Afloat. "A 1,200lb. bomb hits the enemy vessel," it is headed, and the artist gives his "impression" of a direct hit ending the life of the Ark Royal. "All the attacking planes," of course, "returned safely to their bases."

Willy
makes
money
out of
Adolf

WILLIAM PATRICK HILLER (Willy), Adolf's British-born nephew, who is touring the United States and making big money with a series of lectures. "What the German people are thinking," sent a letter to a friend in London recently, and enclosed the prospectus of his tour.

His agents, Harold R. Pent, of New York, say in their announcements that Willy Hitler "presents the startling story of the real Germany hidden by Nazi fictions."

Willy is the son of Adolf's half-brother Alois, a Berlin restaurant-keeper. His mother is Irish.

He was educated in England, and went to live in Germany shortly after Hitler came to power in 1933. He and his mother went to the United States last February.

Adolf, Reluctant

The announcements of his lecture tour say: "Willy Hitler has had stormy relations with his uncle. At first for political reasons, Adolf Hitler denied that they were blood relatives."

"When Willy published articles at his father's request to correct certain mis-statements about his family, Hitler summoned him and his father to his hotel, and in a hysterical interview threatened to kill himself if anything more was published concerning his family affairs."

Hitler relented a little when Willy went to live in Germany. But Hitler became enraged when his nephew refused to obey commands, and at their final interview paced backwards and forwards, with a horsehide whip in his hands, threatening him.

Willy's mother says that Adolf was known in the family as "a man with a big mouth and a little hand."

Her son predicts that the Nazi State cannot stand more than nine months of war.

Alois Hitler was a waiter in Dublin when he first met Willy's mother, a farmer's daughter. Three years after their wedding he deserted her at Liverpool, and married bigamously in Germany.

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

PENDANT

(Clipped from last Thursday's "Hongkong Telegraph")

Imagination Was Too Vivid

Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

The Nazis, said the announcer, "would never give out information which was not true. They, therefore, could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal."

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one broadcast from Zeppelins, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torch lighting up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark its spot where the once invincible ship lay.

1,000,000 Left Idle By War Finance

AMSTERDAM. HITLER'S much-vaunted plan of war finance cannot get going.

Though Germany has today more than 1,000,000 workless, skilled labour is lacking everywhere.

These 1,000,000 unemployed—official figures, naturally, do not admit the real total—are not workers in heavy industry.

They are employed in trades supplying the consumption goods which have now been rationed.

The Nazi regime had tried to remedy the lack of skilled labour, not by transfers from the under-employed trades, but by increasing working hours.

Overwork Strain So disastrous was the effect on men already worn down by wartime speeding-up and shortage of food that the shorter hours had to be restored.

One glance at the death notices in the papers published in industrial towns shows to what tragic heights factory accidents are rising.

As from January 1 onwards, therefore, working hours may not exceed 10-a day unless special permission is given.

The Reich Labour Control Office is further to investigate whether the workers can stand even a 10-hour day on war ration.

It is empowered to reduce them again if this proves to be necessary—and in any case overtime has to be paid after eight hours.

Nazis Short Of Men and Materials

NAZI shipbuilding yards engaged on the construction of U-boats are short of skilled labour and material.

The Stettin yard, which is engaged exclusively on naval work, has had to increase working hours. Only in this way is the yard able to keep up its turnover. The lack of skilled men is acute.

Krupps, too, according to reports from German sources, are experiencing the same difficulty. Another yard affected is the famous Blohm and Voss concern at Hamburg.

Ships Undelivered

At the outbreak of war there was a large number of ships under construction in German yards for foreign countries in exchange for frozen credits. Many of these vessels are still undelivered owing to the lack of materials.

Germany's claims that she can balance her submarine losses by new boats are vastly exaggerated. She also claims that in 1917 her U-boat output was one a day and that she expects to improve on that production.

In actual fact the production of German submarines in 1917 did not approach the figure they claim. For the whole of that year the number commissioned was only 87, varying between four and 12 per month.

Shipbuilding experts with whom I have discussed the question and who know the German yards intimately are convinced that the Nazis cannot possibly produce more than six U-boats each month under favourable conditions. And they are being sunk at that rate by the Allied navies.

Night work for women, and youths has been stopped altogether, their health was suffering so much.

Many women, indeed, are trying to avoid war-time factory work altogether by getting married.

Matrimonial advertisements by women seeking husbands have increased so amazingly that in some newspapers there are whole pages of them.

All these circumstances are making the already existing shortage of skilled labour really critical.

Vigorous attempts have been made to recruit skilled Dutch workless for employment in Germany.

But they have met with little success: since the war the number of Dutch workers in Germany has considerably decreased.

Germans Execute Girl Student

BUDAPEST. The Germans have imprisoned and executed a young girl student in Warsaw on a charge of having defaced anti-British posters, according to reports received here.

The posters depict war ruins and wounded civilians on one side and Mr. Chamberlain on the other. Underneath is the caption: "England, you have done this." Practically every poster, however, has the word "England" defaced.

The girl student's execution was described by the Germans as "an example to others."

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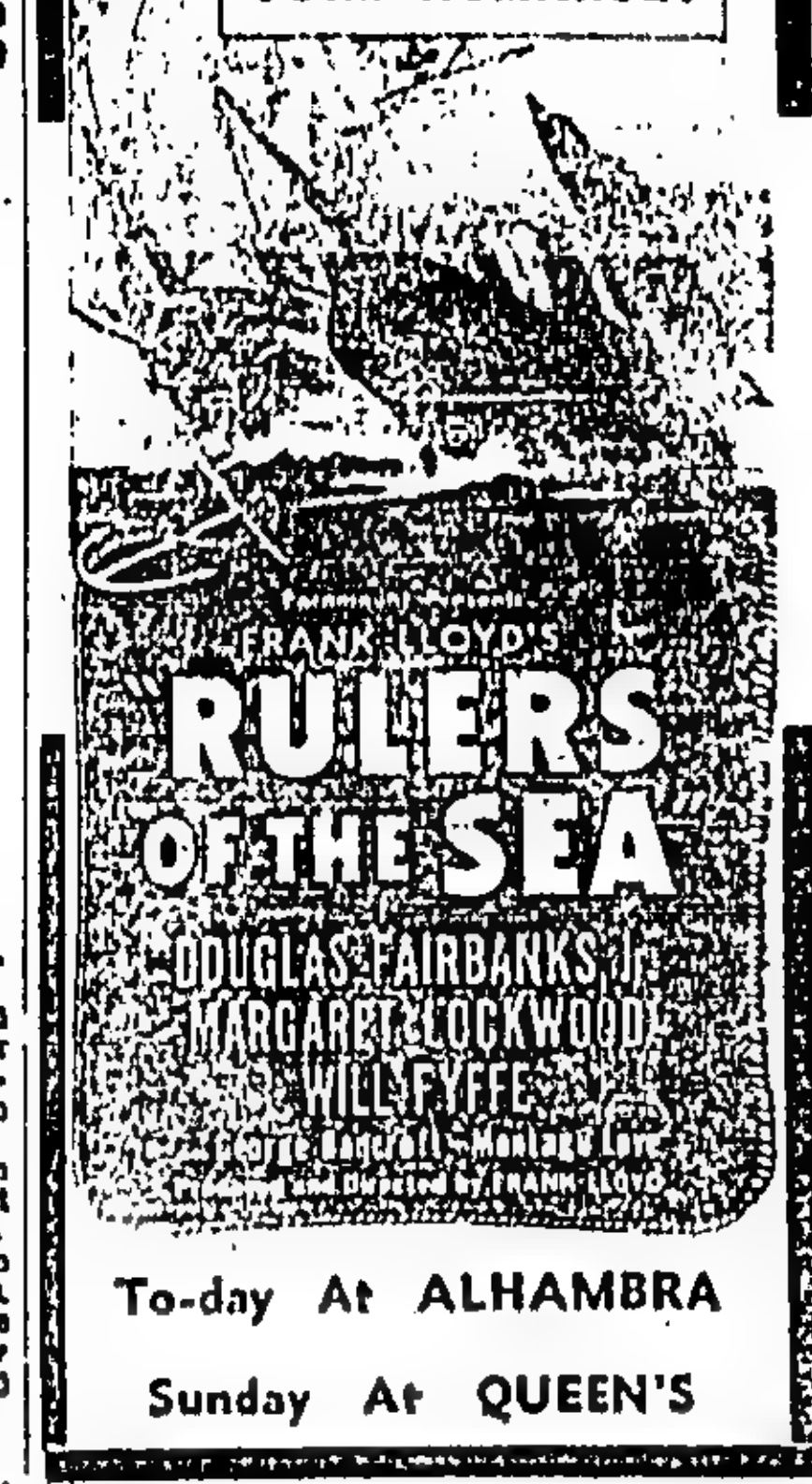
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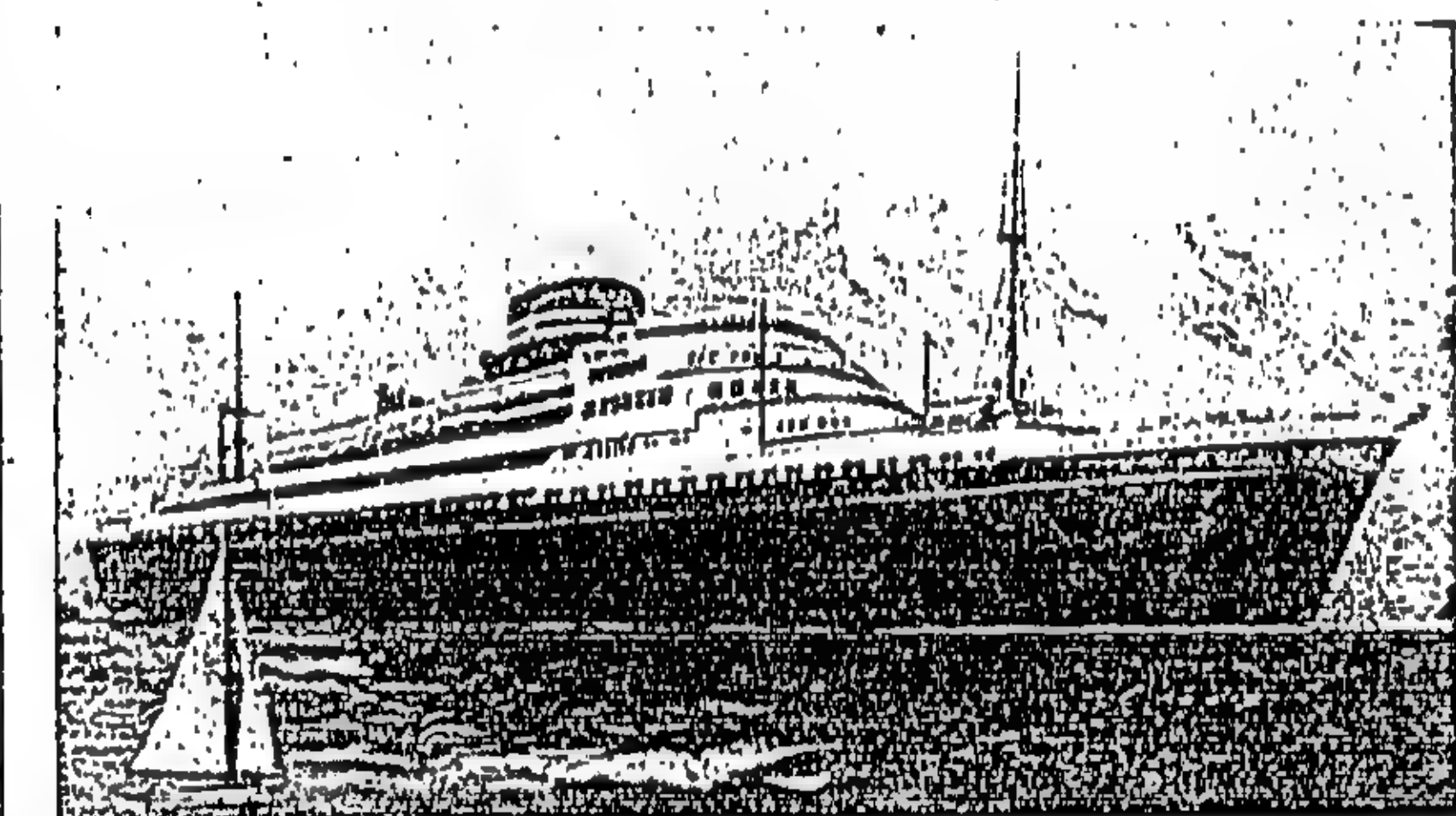


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It is easy enough to say what a chilblain is, but it is by no means so easy to say, medically speaking, what causes it. Patches of skin at certain areas (on the toes, the fingers, the sides of the feet, either side of the leg, and even sometimes on the ears) react in a highly exaggerated manner to severe cold or damp. But what makes them do this is another matter.

There have been many theories. The popular notion that chilblains are due to a poor circulation is probably very close to the truth. A shortage of calcium in the blood was blamed for the trouble for a while, but recent research has proved that in most cases, no shortage exists.

Some scientists contend that the root of the matter lies in a delayed clotting power of the blood. And French medical minds see a connection between chilblains and a possible predisposition towards tuberculosis.

A child or young person who is markedly affected by diarrhoea should be thoroughly overhauled by a doctor as a first step toward recovery. For although we have not yet pinned down the actual cause, it is well known that certain conditions of ill-health are frequently found in connection with diarrhoea. If these conditions are removed, the children have a way of vanishing as well.

Under-nourishment; any source of chronic infection (such as a cystic kidney, a chronic ear, or a chronic decline in bile) (such as that caused by a thyroid gland deficiency); anaemia; chronic constipation; any mild kidney or heart condition, and, possibly, a tubercular predisposition; any one of these conditions, or a few, may, in addition, be present.

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Now the chilblain itself must be attended to. If the skin is unbroken the following may be tried: a useful remedy is Steep the affected feet in a bowl containing equal parts of hydrogen peroxide (15 vols.) and boiling water for from 5 to 10 minutes once a day. Dry thoroughly and friction gently. Then apply a stimulating ointment such as methyl salicylate ointment (see page 104).

If this is carried out at night, the chilblain may be painted in the morning with vasogen iodine (which does not stain) or with a paint of Riva's Balaam and menthol (which can be purchased at any chemist's).

Of course, it is quite a different matter if the skin is broken. The best treatment lies in applying hydrogen peroxide compresses, followed by a soothing ointment spread in clean lint. And more vigorous treatment may be tried later when the skin is healed.

There is also a tremendous amount of chaff and nonsense about chil-

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Many Lives
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The Institution, which maintains a record of lifeboats and life-saving apparatus round the British coasts and is served by fishermen, is entirely supported by voluntary contributions. During 1939, 1,356 lives were saved, constituting a record in the history of the Institution, the previous highest figure being 1,348 in 1938. Since the outbreak of the war, lifeboats were launched 677 times. Most of these launches and consequent rescues have been effected during the war. Since September 2 boats have been out 411 times and have rescued 1,101 persons, an average of 2.68 for each war boat. Twenty-four medals for gallantry

Sunlight—every possible ray of natural sunshine should be absorbed during the summer, and perhaps a course of sun-ray treatment taken in the early winter-months.

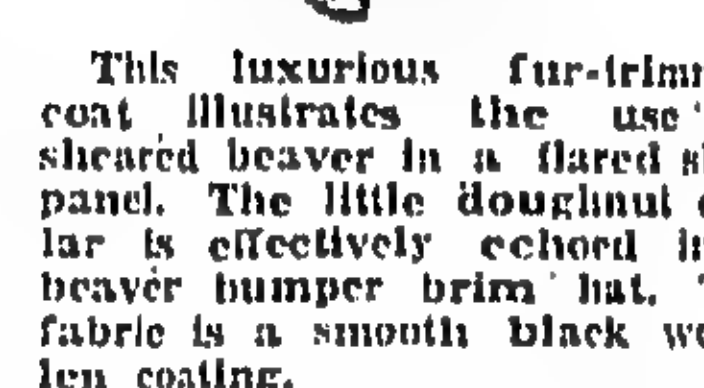
Avoidance of constipation.

Winter tonics where necessary—the thin over-energetic child may need the fattening comfort of the good old cod-liver oil, whereas the plump, lazy dresser may stand to benefit by a mineral tonic.

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 were awarded during the year to members of lifeboat crews. The Institution put into service 17 new motor lifeboats and there are now 145 of these and 16 sailing lifeboats stationed round British and Irish coasts.—*British Wireless*.

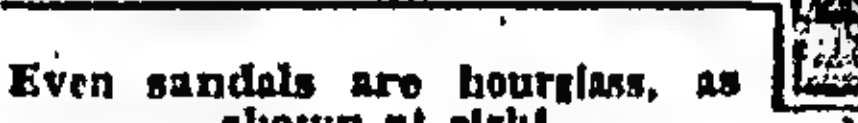
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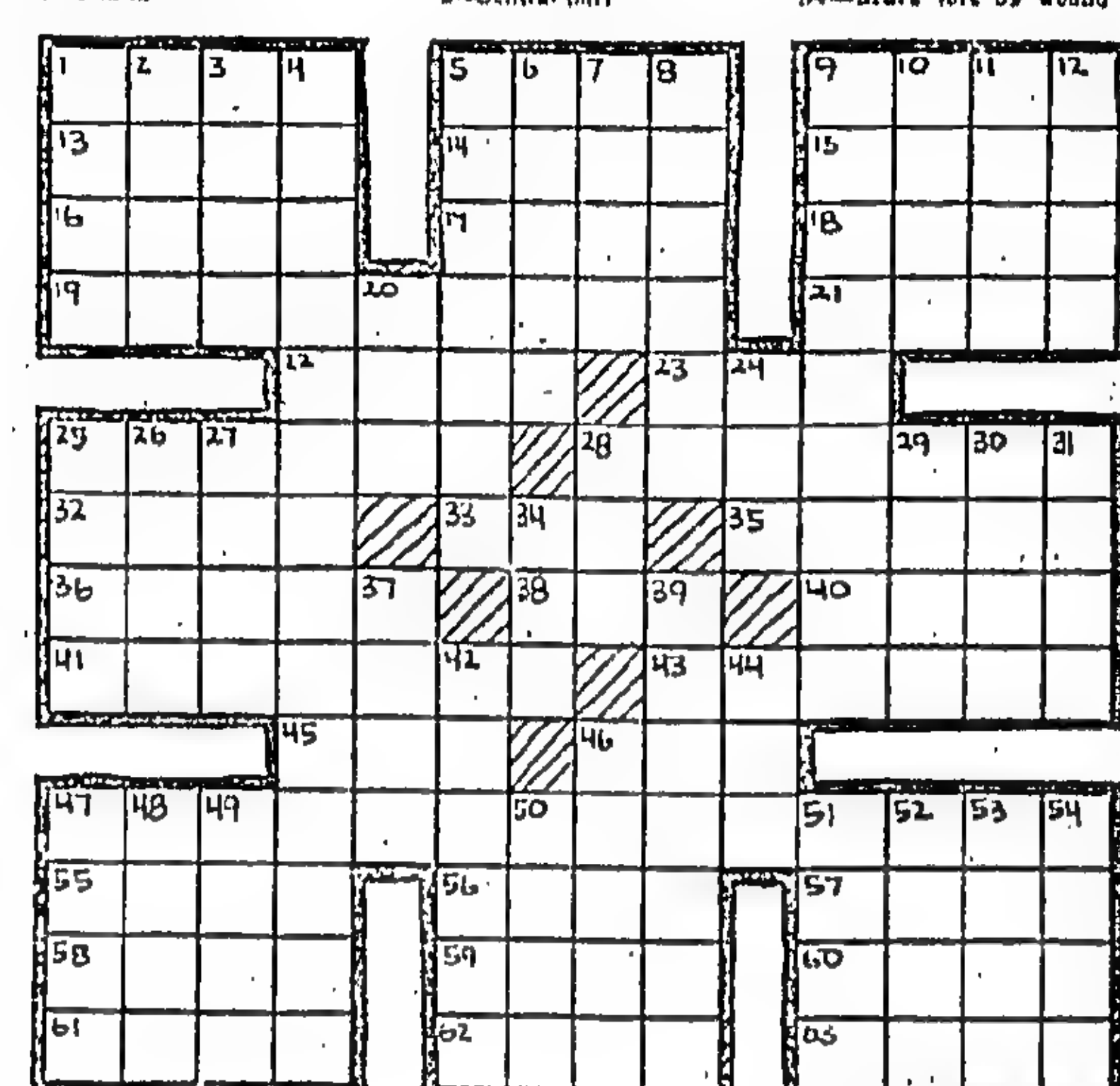


Medicine stains on silver spoons could be rubbed off with methylated spirit. Afterwards wash the spoons in hot soapy water.

Marks caused by hard water on white porcelain baths can be re-



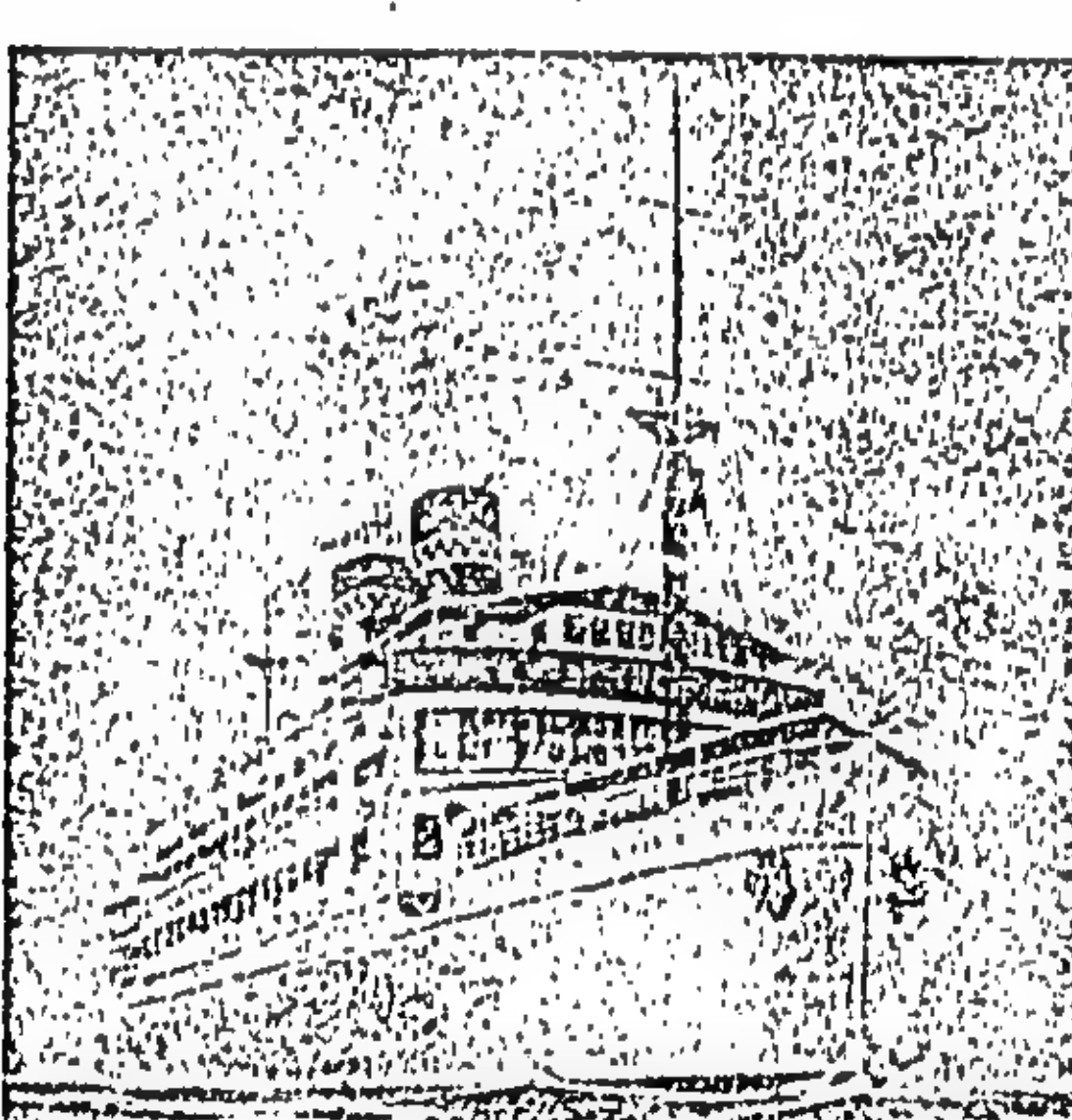
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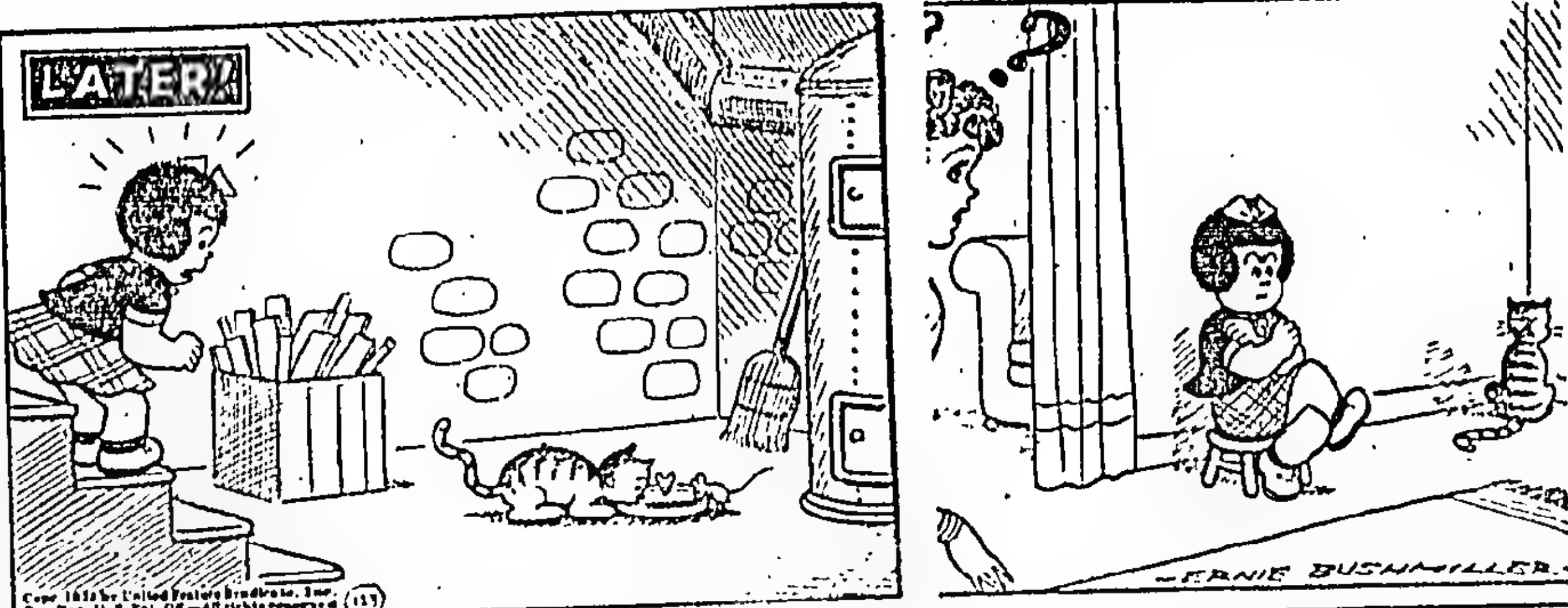
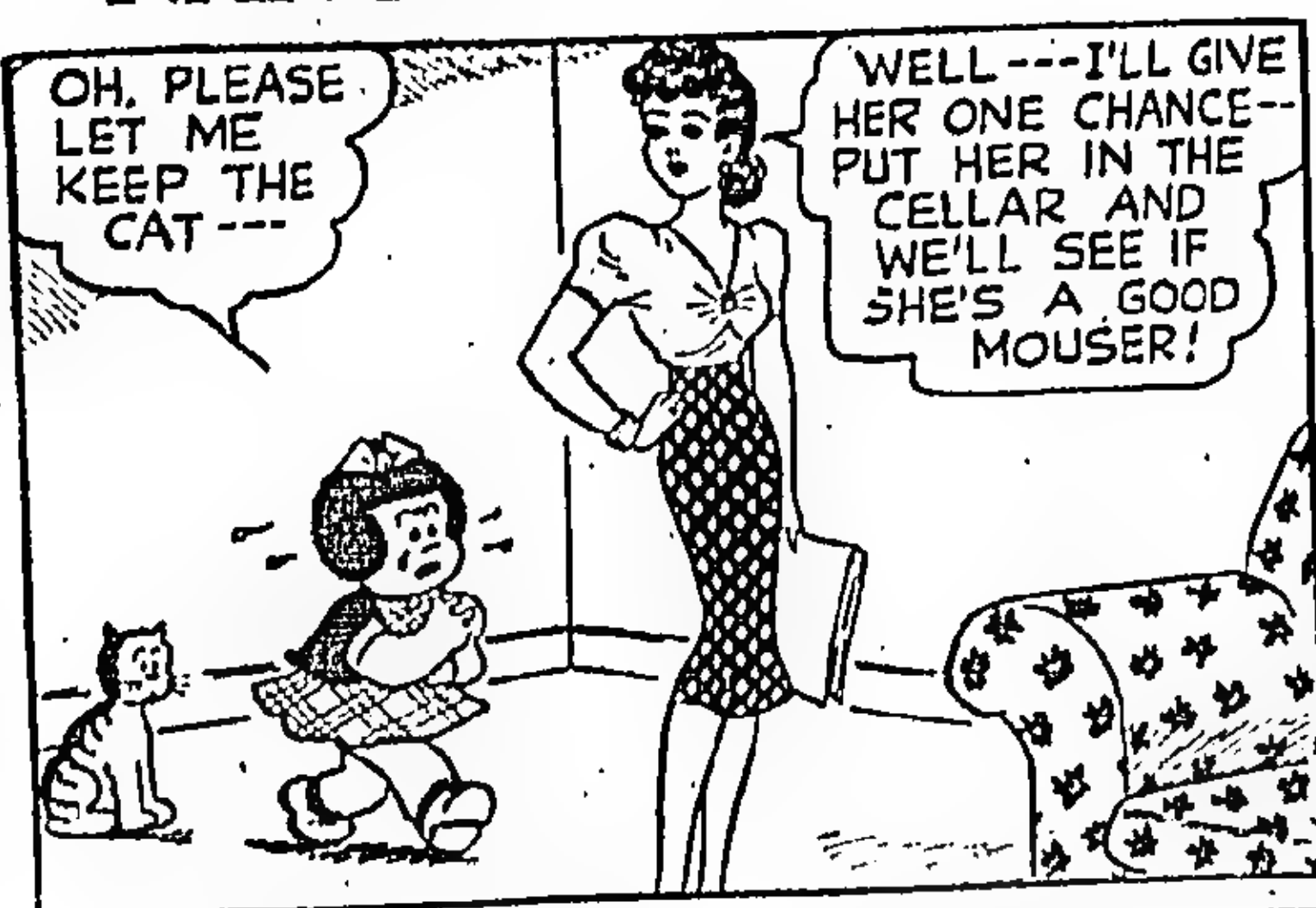
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A GERMAN flying officer brought down in the North Sea during a raid on Britain is believed to have committed suicide rather than endure any longer the misery of long exposure in the water.

His was one of two British bodies washed up in Norfolk, one at Happisburgh, the other at Mundesley, seven miles away. Both had been in the water about three days.

The body at Mundesley, which was in an inflated life jacket, had a bullet wound in the temple. As there was also an empty revolver holster it is thought probable the man shot himself.

The body at Happisburgh had bullet wounds in the eye and leg. These were probably received during an air engagement, for an automatic pistol was in the dead man's pocket. It would have been impossible for him to replace this after turning it on himself.

Mrs. 'Big' Fears Gestapo

AMONG the millions who listen-in to "Big-Hearted" Arthur Askey when he makes his crack at "Old Nasty," there is one who does not laugh any more. She is Mrs. Askey.

All last week Big's wife was beseeching him to "lay-off" Hitler.

"It's because the missus loves me a lot," he said. "She's got the idea that Hitler has branded me as his Public Enemy No. 1 and will get his Gestapo to bump me off in the black-out."

The King, through his Comptroller, asked for a copy of Askey's parody of "Run, Rabbit, Run." It has been supplied by the B.B.C.

U.S. RELEASES SECRET PLANES FOR ALLIES

NEW YORK.

SUPER-WARPLANES are made available to France and England through the American War Department's relaxation of their rigid ban on the export of new types of aircraft.

U.S. designers in Los Angeles, centre of the industry, declared that they are now free to sell fighters which will travel at 460 miles an hour or more, and bombers with a speed and range greater than any foreign bomber now in the air.

Most important is Lockheed's secret twin-engine interceptor which has flown across the American continent at a top speed of 460 miles an hour, and which its makers claim can go even faster.

Other types now free for export include:—

A bullet-nosed low-wing pursuit plane, developed by Vultee, which manoeuvres at speeds ranging from 360 to more than 400 miles an hour.

A medium-sized bomber by Douglas, which is claimed to be the fastest bomber in the air. Douglas still refuse to release details of the performance of this plane; and

An attack bomber—also by Douglas—which is claimed to be 20 per cent better than any European type.

Secret Records

The Douglas Company are now working on a single-engine dive bomber which is said to have broken all performance records in closely guarded secret tests at their factory. Lockheed's twin-engine plane, the V-38, was so striking in its performance that the U.S. Army Air Corps placed a two-million pounds order for the model before its tests were completed.

Through the co-operation of the American High Command—all these planes and three other secret models will be made available to Allied purchasers. All are ready to be built in any quantity to order.

HITLER THREAT: '1066 (and all that) AGAIN'

By CHARLES FOLEY

HITLER throws his last card on the poker table of Europe. It is a blood-curdling threat to send the German Navy through a lane of German mines to England and to land on her coasts the first foreign army since William the Conqueror did the trick in 1066.

Nazi suicide squads would float down by parachute to seize England's power stations. Goering's air squadrons would pound London to the dust.

Here is a notion that makes an urgent appeal to the man who shouted to the Reichstag: "There are no more islands now."

And the fact that the plan is wildly impracticable supports the belief that Hitler's new tactic is to scare Britain into peace.

When this move fails—the blitz attack cannot long be delayed. German divisions are massed at war strength from the North Sea to Switzerland—along 700 miles of German frontier.

When the blow falls? The Daily Express military correspondent says there is only one attitude to adopt:—

"With the rapidity of movement possible to-day we must be ready for anything. We must not be surprised if nothing happens."

The military correspondent suggests that German troop movements may be intended for the present to try our nerves, but—

"There is one very sinister feature this time. The troop moves come at a time when Germany is charging Belgium with unneutral conduct."

And the place where the concentration is most intense—except on the French front—is on the Dutch frontier.

"This may mean that Brauchitsch (German Commander-in-Chief) intends to put into practice the old pre-1914 plan of invading Belgium through the Maestricht Appendix (that strip of Holland that sits down between Belgium and Germany) and so turning the Belgian frontier fortifications."

"The report that German headquarters are at Godesberg on the Rhine borders no good for Belgium and Holland."

"On the other hand, one fact makes an immediate attack less likely. This is that there are at present fewer troops in the north than on the Saar."

Low Countries were staged the opposite would be the case."

Hitler's grandiose plan for the invasion of England—Napoleon never bitten by the same germ nearly 140 years ago, but he never got nearer than collecting his men on the French coast—was confined to neutral journalists in Berlin."

Selkirk Pantin, Daily Express staff reporter in Copenhagen, says that Danish reporters were treated to the news that—

"Hitler is massing a great army and a fleet in north-west German ports."

The Fuehrer's mysterious daily talks with his staff concern plans to deposit an overwhelming force in England."

The idea of invading Britain is not a new one in the German mind."

Recently the Deutsche Wehr, journal of the fighting forces, gave some idea of how it might be done—on paper.

A Diversion

"Britain's 'superior navy,' said the article, 'might well be met by the attackers' own fleet, by prepared rows of mines, by submarine flotillas and so on.' In fact, the line of attack might be along a sort of lane sheltered by both sides. One could also create diversions to draw the main weight of naval defence to another sector."

Then comes the method of surprise attack—mass landing by parachute.

"An advance detachment of glider-troops and engineers, lightly armed, are landed by parachute. They draw a cordon round the chosen place of attack; they block all roads and railways leading to it. Reinforcements are dropped in the same way carrying heavier arms."

"The third 'wave' brings a greater number of troops with light tanks and flame throwers in large transport planes, which land. Once a foothold is gained the success of the invasion depends on skill and offensive surge."

After that a significant footnote: "The attacker would, of course, time the enterprise to coincide with other operations especially mass air raids."

Note the expression "of course." Because the important German newspaper Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, declared that England could only be crushed in the same way as the Romans crushed the Carthaginians—"by destroying the enemy's capital."

Altogether the attack direct on England sheds a fascinating sidelight on German wish-thinking-cum-propaganda. But Germany's neutral neighbours are not to be deluded again. They believe the thrust will come elsewhere."

BELGIUM believes that the first attack will fall on Holland. One reason for this is that all German gold deposits in Holland have been withdrawn and sent to Denmark."

Dutch Happy

HOLLAND is not really worried. The Dutch reckon that the Belgians will catch it instead.

Geoffrey Cox, Daily Express Staff Reporter in Amsterdam, cannot comment those reports of heavy German troop concentrations on the Dutch frontier.

And the Dutch Government staff with official blitheness that there is no sign of a German threat to Holland."

SWITZERLAND is a little nervous. Ian Fraser, Daily Express correspondent in Basle, says that when telecommunication between Switzerland and Germany was cut last night, Swiss soldiers on holiday hurriedly returned to report."

Basle itself—it lies on the French-



ROYAL OAK SURVIVOR MARRIED

Lieut. M. H. Benton, R.N., a survivor of the Royal Oak, with his bride, Miss Winifred Packer, after their wedding at St. Gabriel's, Warwick-square, S.W.

Some of These Sailors Served in Hongkong

THE British destroyer Duchess was lost with 120 lives. Only one officer and 22 ratings are known to have escaped.

This was announced in an Admiralty communique, which stated that the Duchess had been in collision with another vessel of the Fleet, which was undamaged.

H.M.S. Duchess, commanded by Lieut.-Commander R. C. H. White, was a destroyer of the "Defender" class, built under the 1930 programme, and had a displacement of 1,375 tons. Her normal complement was 145.

Two ratings had been left behind at the last port of call for medical treatment.

Eight Torpedo Tubes

The Duchess carried four 4.7-inch guns, six smaller guns, and eight 21-inch torpedo tubes.

She was built at Palmer's Yard, Jarrow, and completed in January, 1933.

Her 36,000 horse power engines gave her a speed of 35.5 knots.

The Duchess was the third destroyer lost since war began. The others, the Blanche and the Gipsy, were both sunk by mines within a week last month off the British coast.

In China Incidents

The Duchess figured in a number of incidents in Chinese waters—the August Navy List gave her as belonging to the 21st Destroyer Flotilla, China.

In March, 1938, while moored at Hongkong she was damaged above the water-line when a Japanese steamer collided with her.

Last May, after a Japanese cruiser had stopped the F. and O. liner Rampara, the Duchess went to the scene and the Rampara was allowed to proceed.

Then, in June, she was reported to be "blockaded" with another destroyer, H.M.S. Daring, at Foochow.

German frontier—is packed with troops and prepared for any move.

AND FRANCE? Well here's a true story that came in.

The 120,000 French people of Nancy, which lies only an hour's drive behind the Maginot Line, were told that evacuation plans were ready. If they wished to leave.

How many do you think took advantage of the offer? Just fifty-seven.

'Mounties' Trail 6,000 Mile Clue

CANADIAN Mounted Police, guided by a rough map, made by a man 6,000 miles away, discovered the bones of a murdered boy on the Grand Prairie Trail.

This find was mentioned when a Swiss woman, Mrs. Schupbach, was sentenced at Blenne, near Bern, to 30 years' jail.

She pleaded guilty to murdering her wealthy first husband, Paul Nicolet.

Her second husband, Ernst Schupbach, was charged as an accomplice, and also with murdering his stepson, Maurice Nicolet, aged 8.

He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Mr. and Mrs. Schupbach, with Maurice Nicolet, arrived on a farm in Alberta, Canada, from Switzerland in 1935.

On September 21, 1935, Maurice Nicolet vanished.

Three months later the Schupbachs packed up and returned to Switzerland.

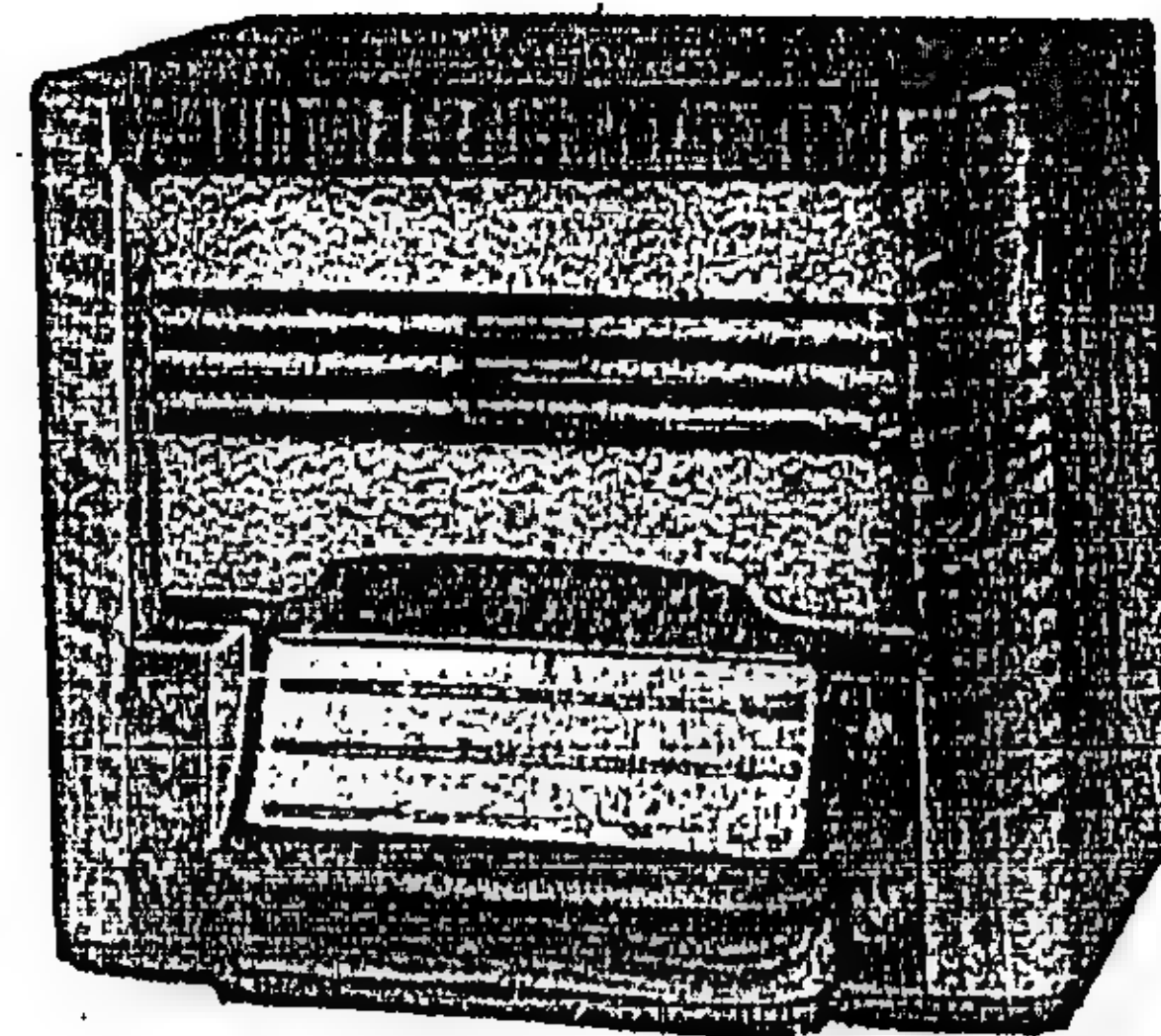
In November, 1937, Schupbach was arrested on charges concerning his stepdaughter.

The body of Mrs. Schupbach's first husband was exhumed. Cyanide was found in it, says the British United Press.

The Swiss asked the Canadian Mounted Police to investigate the death of Maurice. The map which guided them to the boy's bones was stated at the trial to have been sketched by Schupbach himself.

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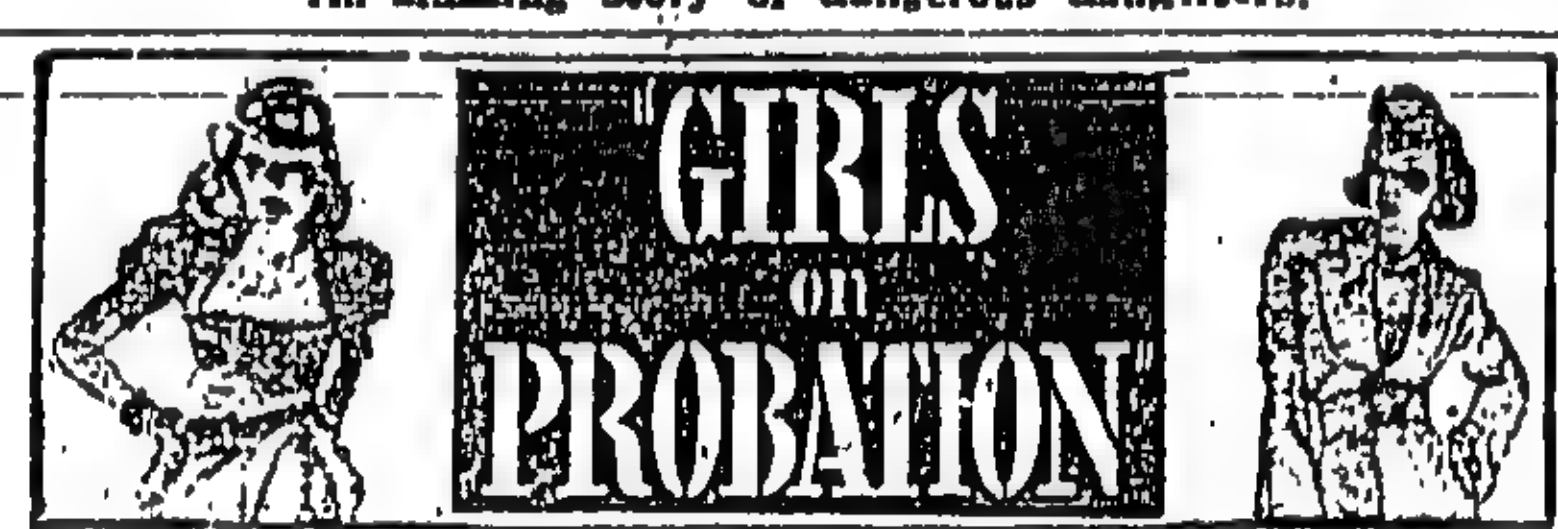
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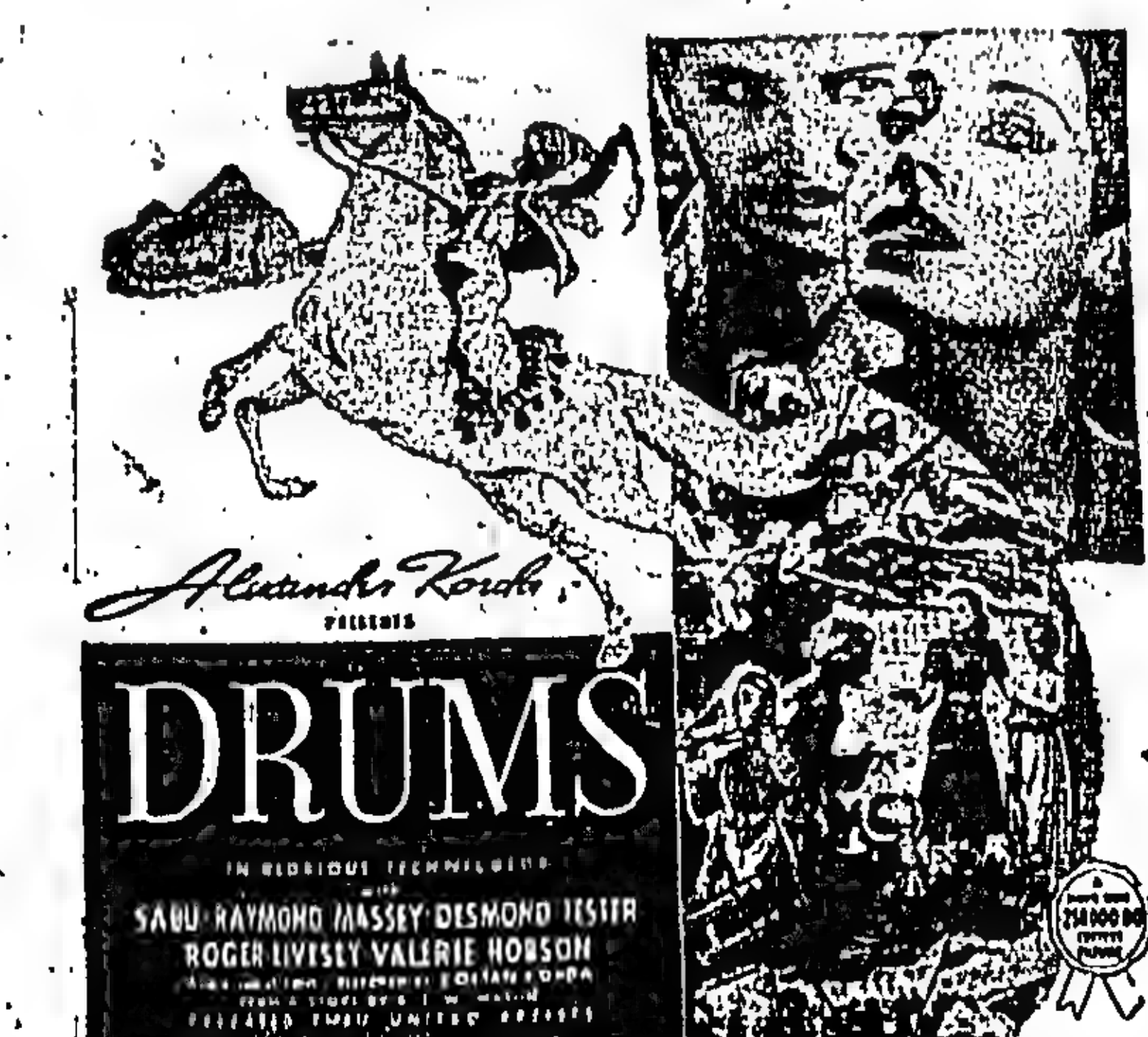
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Steel Wall Defends The Belfort Gap

MOORS PREPARING SURPRISE FOR NAZIS

By DAVID SCOTT

News Chronicle War Correspondent with the
French Forces

FRANCE.

IF Hitler and his generals should think of trying to
turn the Maginot Line by an attack through Switzerland,
severe shocks await them.

During the last few days I have seen the French de-
fences along the Rhine from Basle to a point half-way
down to Strasbourg, opposite the crucial point of Basle it-
self and along the Jura mountain range which flanks the
French-Swiss frontier between Basle and Geneva.

I can certify that any attempt to push westward from Basle
through what is commonly known as the Belfort Gap, or through
the Rhine Valley past Geneva towards Lyons, will find the French
defences as strong and the French Army as ready to meet it as in
any other sector between the Alps and the English Channel.

Along the Rhine itself the Maginot
system has long been prepared to
resist a German offensive. This
part of the famous line is less elab-
orate than the defences between the
Rhine and the Moselle, chiefly be-
cause the ground, lying at a lower
level than the Rhine itself behind its
high embankments, is swampy and
deep digging is useless.

Strong Forts

Any elaborate tunnels here would
be constantly flooded or would need
an impossibly complicated pumping
system to keep them dry, but this
flat ground can be as well defended
by numerous powerful blockhouses,
each a small fort in itself, whose
machine-guns and anti-tank guns
sweep the intervening spaces.

In an anonymous village on the
Rhine bank, formerly a meeting
place for French and Germans, I
found contact with the enemy op-
posite more close and the atmosphere
of profound peace more unbroken
than at any other point in this
strange theatre of "war."

As usual, we drove up to within a
few hundred yards of the front line
in motor-cars, hidden from the
enemy by camouflage netting hung
between the trees.

Within Yards Of Enemy

As usual, we walked without any
attempt at concealment along a path
between the thickets on the river
bank, through a wooden shed, whose
far side stood open towards Ger-
many and finally to a spot on the
towpath where only 150 yards of
a "double casemate," with heavy
machine-guns in its loopholes and
machine rifles ready to fire through
the slits in its observation turret.

Anti-Tank Guns

Inside the fort were white enamel-
lined walls neat ammunition racks,
firing charts, and apple-pie order
everywhere. A communication
trench had been dug to the back.
Here and in a bigger blockhouse
(with anti-tank guns as well as
machine-guns) farther back from
the river, a highly-trained crew
waited with tremendous confidence
to shatter an enemy attack or hold
out in the fort, if need be to the
end.

Between the southern end of the
Vosges mountains and the Jura
range, which follow the Swiss fron-
tier, is a wide space of open country
known geographically as the Belfort
Gap.

This opening in the natural ram-
parts of France has always tempted
invaders and has often been suc-
cessfully held against them.

Lion As Symbol

In the war of 1870 the Prussians
entered Paris, but failed to take
Belfort, whose famous Lion, hewn in
the red rock of the clud, sym-
bolises the valour of its de-
fenders.

To-day, the Belfort Gap is closed
not only by Vauban's immense but
obsolete fortifications, but by piles
of barbed wire, scores of blockhouses
on the Maginot model, and a great
belt of steel defences built between
that and the Rhine since this war
began.

French soldiers and engineers have
made great use of the long respite
given them by Nazi hesitation.
Through these weeks they have
worked hard to make the plain of
Alsace and the Belfort Gap impen-
etrable.

Every day that passes makes their
success more certain now.

Coloured Troops Work

All along the eastward escarpment
of the Vosges and right down to the
outskirts of Basle itself, where the
Swiss frontier is marked every 50
yards by boards painted in the Swiss
colours, a zone of steel fortifications
several miles deep, including in-
numerable tank traps and newly
made concrete blockhouses and
backed by the original Maginot
system, bars the way to an invader.

Shortage Of Materials

HOLD UP IN U-BOAT BUILDING

By A Naval Correspondent

THE Nazi's U-boat plan is
getting out of gear.

Before the war began Hit-
ler's naval experts assured
him that there would always
be enough U-boats to make it
impossible for Britain to re-
ceive sufficient food from
abroad.

Two things have gone wrong with
the plan.

(1) The German shipbuilding
yards are short of skilled labour
and material;

(2) Britain and France are sink-
ing U-boats much faster than Ad-
miral Raeder believed possible.

The Stettin yard, engaged exclu-
sively on naval work, cannot find
enough skilled men. To keep up its
rate of production it has had to in-
crease working hours.

The workers are grumbling—and
the quality of their work is suffer-
ing.

Krupps and some of the Hamburg
yards are also affected.

British naval experts laugh at the
Nazi claim that she can balance her
U-boat losses by the building of new
boats.

In 1917, when she had many
more raw materials to draw on,
Germany put only 87 submarines
into commission.

Shipbuilding experts here de-
clare that the Nazis cannot pro-
duce more than six U-boats each
month.

At least 40 U-boats are believed to
have been sunk since the war be-
gan.

So, month by month, Hitler's
U-boat fleet is getting smaller and
smaller.

Homeside Rationing Next Week

FOUR OUNCES OF BACON A WEEK

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Food
announces that the ration for uncooked bacon and ham
beginning on January 8 will be four ounces, and that for
cooked, three and a half
ounces a week.

The maximum retail prices
range from 1s 2d to 2s 1d
according to cuts.

The Food Ministry states that it is
proposed experimentally to allow
entering establishments to serve bacon
and ham without surrender of
coupons provided they are consumed
on the premises.

How It Is Calculated

Supplies of butter and sugar to the
catering establishments will be cal-
culated on the basis of one-sixth of
an ounce of butter and one-seventh
of an ounce of sugar per meal served,
including afternoon tea, for which no
butter was allowed during the last
war.

The arrangements apply to all
places of refreshment open to the
public, including clubs and canteens.

U-BOAT SINKS A SWEDISH SHIP

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—A
5,000-ton Swedish steamer in the
Atlantic has sent out an S.O.S.
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tively stated, to the rumours in cer-

tain broadcasts of Russian concen-
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tan.

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cially denied that there has been
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THE FUTURE WORLD WILL BE A SHABBY AND A DANGEROUS PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE IF IT IS RULED BY FORCE IN THE HANDS OF A FEW.

"WE CANNOT PRETEND THIS WAR IS NOT OUR BUSINESS"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (UP).—PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT THIS AFTERNOON DELIVERED WHAT WAS, IF HE DOES NOT BREAK PRECEDENT BY SEEKING RE-ELECTION FOR THE THIRD TIME, HIS PENULTIMATE ANNUAL MESSAGE TO CONGRESS. THE UNITED STATES, HE DECLARED, WILL KEEP OUT OF WAR.

"An overwhelming majority of Americans have not abandoned the hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in the European War in a military sense," he said. "But there is a vast difference from keeping out of war and pretending that this war is none of our business."

"We don't have to go to war. But at least we can arrive with other nations to encourage the kind of peace that will lighten the troubles of the world."

ACTION FOR PEACE

"The United States must be an active and powerful influence in seeking the re-establishment of peace."

"The war in Europe arose from mismanagement of social and economic forces, causing a revolution against dictatorship."

"We must continue our preparations, and I urge substantial defence appropriations, based not on panic but on common-sense."

The President enumerated the increased taxes which he recommended for national defence.

Practically all the Government's expenses, with the exception of those for national defence would be reduced in 1941, he forecast, but added the warning that the problem of the unemployed still remained unsolved.

"Our programme of social improvement must be carried on to preserve the gains we have already made and to provide jobs and a living wage for the unemployed."

DICTATORS V. DEMOCRACY

"I ask all Americans to look ahead and see the first possibilities for our children in a world, the rest of which is dominated by concentrated force alone."

"I ask Americans to envisage the second effect on our future if the small nations of the world are shorn of their independence by military systems."

"I ask Americans to see ahead the kind of lives our children will lead if much of the rest of the world is compelled to worship a god imposed by military rule or is forbidden to worship at all, or is deceived of true news."

"I ask Americans to see the fourth effect on our future if world trade is controlled by military force by any nation or any group of nations."

"Modern man can no longer live a civilised life if we are to go back to the practice of wars and conquests of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries."

"When the time comes, the United States must use its influence to open the trade channels of the world, in order that no nations will need feel compelled in later days to seek by force of arms what can well be gained by peaceful conference."

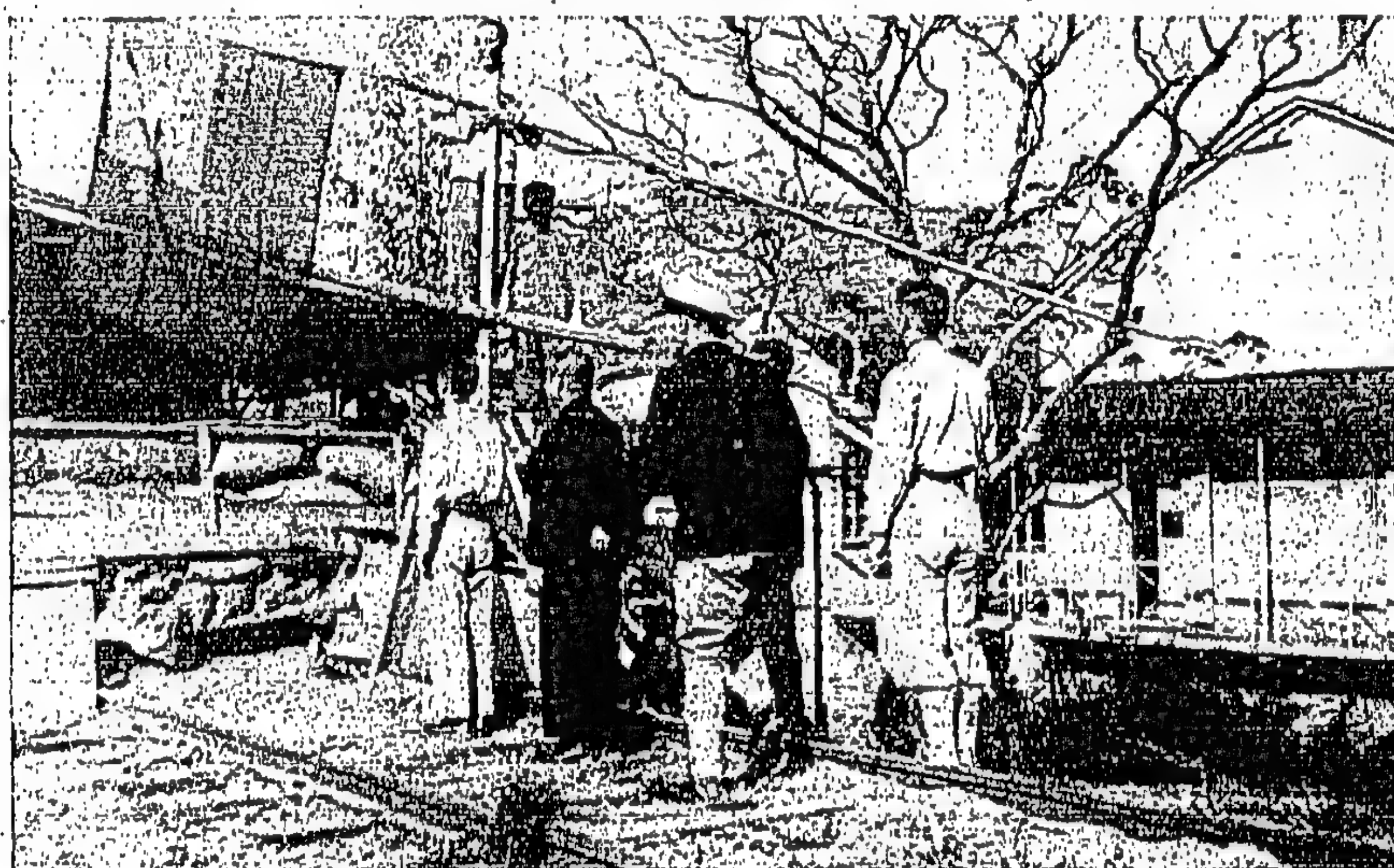
"I emphasize the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace. Such influence will be greatly weakened if this Government becomes the dog in the manger of trade selfishness."

No Alliances
"I re-commit myself to the policy of no entangling alliances for my country."

"But I must add the warning that it becomes clearer and clearer that the future world will be a shabby and a dangerous place in which to live—seven for Americans to live in."

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Chinese Flag Re-Hoisted At Shumchun



SHUMCHUN, Hongkong border city which has been in the hands of the Japanese, has been re-entered by Chinese troops. Photograph shows Chinese standing in attention as the national flag is hoisted.

U.S. SHIP DETAINED AT GIB.

May Be Held As Prize Of War

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GIBRALTAR, Jan. 4. (UP).—The American Export Line's 5,109-ton freighter Executive has been detained by the British Navy, and her cargo, consisting of 13,000 pieces of pure nickel tubing, has been seized as contraband.

The Executive was brought into Gibraltar today. Her action renders her liable to seizure as a prize of war.

Registered in New York, she was launched there in 1920.

Contraband Law

"Under International Law, any neutral ship which is considered to be carrying contraband to an enemy country can be taken as a prize."

Prize crews are placed in key positions in such merchantmen to take them back to port to a prize court, which administers international law.

Such a court is established in Gibraltar. There is another in Hongkong which, so far, has not been called upon to adjudicate in this war, although it did so in the Great War.

Death Of Japanese Financial Magnate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Jan. 4. (Domei).—One of Japan's leading financial figures, Mr. Katochiro Nezu died this morning at the age of 81.

Mr. Nezu was a Member of the House of Peers, the representative of the Nezu Gomei Kaisha, the head of the Tobu Railway Company, and a director of several business corporations.

Hongkong Docks To Build New Steamers

THE "TELEGRAPH" understands that the British Government is shortly placing orders in the Colony for the building of a number of cargo ships. The number is not yet definitely stated, but it is believed that, for a beginning, four ships will be ordered, shared evenly by the Taikoo and Kowloon Dockyards.

The exact tonnage of these projected vessels has not been announced, but it is understood that they will be slightly smaller than the Breconshire and the Glenorchy, leaving to those ships the honour of being the biggest vessels yet built in Hongkong.

They will represent a truly imperial undertaking, for Britain will provide the orders, Australia the steel, and Hongkong the labour. Steel plates and rods have poured from the holds of ships recently arrived from Australia.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—It is learned on high authority that the Attorney General, Mr. Frank Murphy, former High Commissioner of the Philippines, will be appointed to the Supreme Court and that the Solicitor-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, will become Attorney General.

Finnish Airmen Take Up Attack

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINKI, Jan. 4 (UP).—Finland's gallant air force roared into action across Soviet-occupied territory to-day, when a mass raid was carried out on the Soviet base at Ilinahamari, the port for the Petsamo area.

The Red Air Force gave battle to the Finnish bombers and, according to an official communiqué, "considerable aerial activity ensued."

The report neither indicates the number of planes involved, the result of the raid, nor the number of planes brought down. The planes were of the speedy bomber type—much speedier than those comprising Finland's pre-war air force.

Qualified observers believe that they were either Italian or British type machines.

Arctic Front Quiet

The Arctic front otherwise remains quiet. Finnish claims to have recaptured the Petsamo area are disproved.

Elsewhere on the land front, the Finns are still strongly attacking the Russians, who maintain the defensive throughout.

A Russian company at Alitkeki has been wiped out as the result of a strong Finnish attack, and Finnish troops have now reached the western shore of Lake Ladoga.

The only Russian activity has been on the Karelian Isthmus at Taipalejoki, where the Mannerheim Line has bogged their advance. Two powerful infantry thrusts north of Lake Hattajaniemi were repulsed.

Helsingfors Alarms

Aerial activity continues in southern Finland, and there were several air raid alarms in the capital. Two houses were set afire by incendiary bombs.

LATEST

INTERPORT FOOTBALL MYSTERY

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Jan. 4 (UP).—The Shanghai Football Association this morning announced that it had so far not received confirmation of Hongkong's acceptance to visit Shanghai to play a football interport this February.

An official revealed that a letter had been sent to the Hongkong Football Association asking for definite confirmation as Hongkong's earlier letter was only a tentative acceptance.

"Hongkong's second letter has apparently gone astray. The Association has already definitely assured Shanghai that it will send an interport team up during the coming Chinese New Year. In fact, the Association is holding a meeting to-night with the idea of selecting the Colony's team."

Bund Leader Expelled American Nazis Take Action

LONDON, Jan. 4 (Reuter).—James Wheeler Hill, the National Secretary of the German-American Bund, who shortly will be tried for perjury, has been expelled from the organization, according to the "Exchange Telegraph" New York correspondent.

This correspondent states that this follows the embarrassing discovery that he is neither German nor American but was born in the former Russian territory which is now Latvia.

Hill is accused of making false statements in the trial of Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, who has since been sentenced to prison for misappropriation of the Bund's funds.

\$272,000,000 Wanted For U.S. Defences

President's Request To Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt has asked Congress to immediately appropriate \$271,999,523 in order to safeguard America's neutrality and to strengthen national defence.

The request was made in a letter to Mr. William Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Mr. Roosevelt explains that the appropriation would supplement the funds previously made available for the departments of War, Navy, Justice and Coast Guards for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 1940.

NAVY PRECAUTIONS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Charles Edison, Acting Secretary of the U.S. Navy, has asked Congress to empower President Roosevelt, "should a national emergency arise," to procure ships and materials and to commandeer factories and the like.

Mr. Edison describes the proposals as a precautionary move in a letter to Congress and points out that President Wilson was granted similar powers in March, 1917, a month before America entered the war.

Mr. Edison adds that the request does not anticipate that the United States will be involved in war.

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HITLER'S ENGLISH "GIRL-FRIEND"

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, Jan. 3. (UP).—Hitler's self-styled "English Girl-Friend," Unity Freeman-Milford, arrived here on the Channel steamer Antonia at 3.34 p.m. to-day.

She was carried off the vessel on a stretcher through a lane of steel-helmeted soldiers with fixed bayonets. Three R.A.F. pursuit planes roared overhead.

Unity, still with a heavy bandage around her head, was met by her father, Lord Hildesdale.

Friends said that the bandage hid a bullet wound in her neck, the result, it is claimed, of an attempt to commit suicide.

Father's Statement

Because she is too weak to travel further, Unity and her father are remaining in Folkestone until Thursday, when they will leave by ambulance for the family's country estate in Buckinghamshire.

"Whatever accident befell my daughter was due to the failure of her efforts to restore Anglo-German friendship," Lord Hildesdale said. "Unity's friends in England believe that she shot herself in desperation because England went to war with Germany."

But the "Daily Herald" suggests to-day that Unity was shot in a Munich street by Gestapo agents because she was a spy.

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Nazis Lose Two Planes Aerial Activity On Western Front

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Jan. 4. (UP).—Air activity has been resumed on the Western Front.

It is officially claimed that French fighters brought down two German bombers on the Rhineland front.

A Royal Air Force plane was forced down in Belgian territory yesterday after it had been attacked by three Messerschmitts.

One of the crew of the R.A.F. machine was killed and the remaining two were injured. The latter will be interned.

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H.K. Stock Market

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BANKS	
H.K. Bank	1,380 b.
H.K. Bank (Lon. Reg.)	282 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K. Reg.)	284 1/2 n.
Chartered	8 1/8 n.
Mercantile & B. E.	20 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. E.	17 1/2 n.
East Asia	17 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	200 b.
Union	430 b.
China Underwriter	114 n.
H.K. Fire	18 n.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	72 b.
Swire	11 n.
Indo-China P.S.	100 b.
Indo-China D.S.	80 b.
Shell (Boaters)	8 1/2 n.
Waterboats	7 1/2 n.
DUCKS ETC.	
Wharves	101 n.
Docks	21 b. & sa.
Providents	450 b.
New Eng. Sh.	100 n.
Sh. Docks	214 n.
MINING	
Kalkan s/-	17 1/2 n.
Rauha s/-	10 3/4 sa.
Venz. Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	4 n.
LANDS	
Hotels	5 1/2 b.
Land	33 sa.
Land 4% Deb.	100 n.
Shal Lands Sh.	12 1/2 n.
Humphreys	8 n.
H.K. Realities	435 b.
Chinese Estates	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	17 1/2 n.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	6 1/2 b.
Y. Ferries	23 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	7 1/2 n.
China Lights (new)	4 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric	35 1/2 b.
Manco Electric	19 1/2 n.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	24 1/2 b.
Telephones (new)	9 1/2 b.
Tractions s/-	16 1/2 n.
Tractions s/-	16 1/2 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cold Macg. (Ord.)	14 1/2 n.
Cold Macg. (Pref.)	13 n.
Canton Ice	1 n.
Cement	17 1/2 sa.
H.K. Ropes	6 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	21 1/2 sa.
Dairy Farms (new)	21 1/2 sa.
Watsons	0 40 n.
Lane, Crawford	7 1/2 n.
Sincere	180 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	14 1/2 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	27 1/2 n.
Shal Cotton Sh.	105 n.
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Wing On Textiles, Sh.	48 1/2 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	6 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	1 1/2 b.
Constructions (new)	1 n.
Vibro Piling	8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925	48 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 4% Loan	100 n.
H.K. 5 1/2% Loan	97 1/2 n.
Marmans (Lon.)	14 1/2 n.
Marmans (H.K.)	4 n.

Boy's Christmas Gift Stolen

John Anderson, of Kowloon Dock, had his bicycle, a Christmas gift, stolen yesterday when he left it outside No. 4 Pratt Building.

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H. E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th 1940.
Prizes will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th 1940.
Concession rates kindly granted by the Kowloon-Canton Railway for visitors to the Show on the 10 and 12 noon and 1.30 trains from Kowloon, and any train from Fanning after 1.00 p.m. on both days—

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HITLER'S ENGLISH
"GIRL-FRIEND"

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cause Hitler "feared that Hitler had told her too many vital secrets." Unity Mitford in Accident
LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Mitford family left Folkestone for the Redoubt, home in Buckinghamshire, but were compelled to return later owing to an accident en route to the ambulance in which Unity was travelling.
The family are staying the night at Folkestone.

Franco-Spanish Railway Resumes

PARIS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Railway traffic between Spain and France is now on a normal basis.
The first through train from France, the express from Paris, reached the Catalan frontier on Tuesday night. The Barcelona mail train, whose service had been interrupted since the Franco war against the Government began in July, 1936, has resumed its schedule and now runs right through.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Cheung Sha Wan, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 24 years less the three days thereof.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regulatory No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2151	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2151, Cattle Park Road.	N. S. E. W. feet feet feet feet	Contents in sq. feet	Area in Acres	Upset Price
				As per sale plan.	About 0.72	\$45.23

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4217.	Tem Kung Road at junction with Ma Tau Kok Road.	As per sale plan.				About 2 670		\$215.43

Nazi Protest Denied

No Note Yet Sent To Sweden

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—There is no confirmation in London, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent, of the report that Germany has sent the Swedish Government a sharp note protesting against the despatch of volunteers, arms and ammunition to Finland, and conveying a warning that it might lead to unpleasant consequences.

On the other hand, both the British and French Governments are continuing their efforts to aid the Finnish Government.
Fulfilling Orders
Naturally the fact that both are engaged in a major war to some extent limits their powers of material assistance, but it is revealed that a number of contracts which Finland placed in England before the outbreak of hostilities, and which had been suspended as the result of the war, are now being executed.

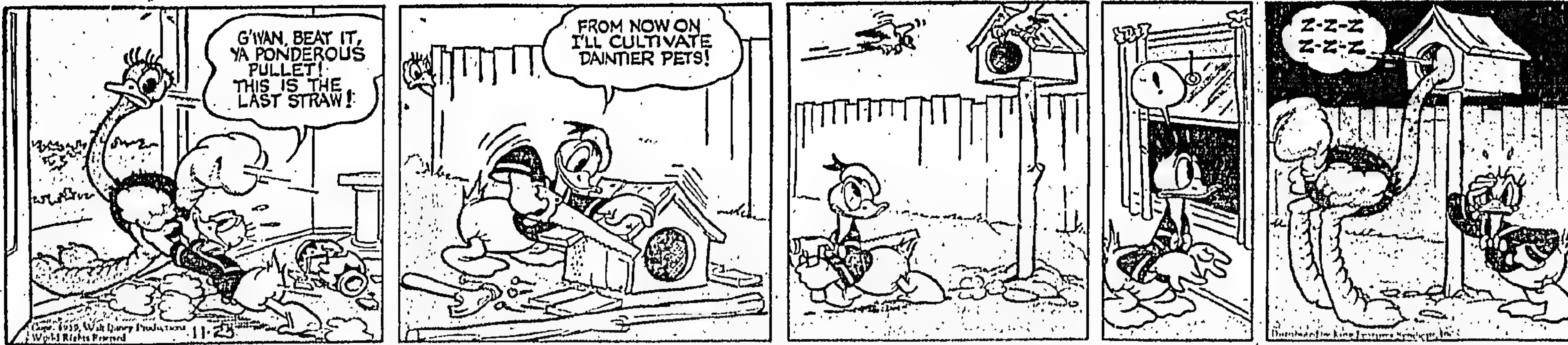
The French are also supplying arms and munitions, and the policy of the two governments would seem to be to continue this help regardless of the impression it might produce in Moscow or Berlin.
Indeed in some quarters it is suggested that the attitude of Germany is by no means as clear as the above mentioned reports would seem to imply.

Many Former H'kong Ratings Among Dead

The Admiralty has issued the following list of casualties which occurred when H.M.S. Duchess was sunk.
The list is now believed to be complete, and the next of kin of all concerned have been informed.

OFFICERS.—Missing, believed drowned. Gunner (T) H. P. Gordon, R.N.; Prob. Midshipman C. L. Kretschmer, R.N.A.; Lt. G. W. Murray, R.N.; Lt. J. M. L. Scholfield, R.N.; Lt. (E) G. P. Tilden, R.N.; Lt. (E) C. M. White, R.N.
RATINGS.—Missing, believed drowned. Abbott, Thomas, A. C. Sinker, C/X/1401; Allen, A. L. Sinker, C/X/1472; Andrews, H. W. Sinker, C/X/1500; Bacon, Herbert J. Sinker, C/X/1501; Baker, A. L. Sinker, C/X/1502; Banerjee, Banerjee, Eric, Ab. Smm., C/X/1503; Barber, Robert W. Sinker, C/X/1504; Barnes, Davidson M. Ab. Smm., C/X/1505; Bastard, Percy, Ab. Smm., C/X/1506; Bathford, Frank, Chief Sinker, C/X/1507; Bateman, Thomas, J. 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tions.
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Pianos.

7.0 Ambrose and His Orchestra.
7.15 Studio-Talk by Dr. P. S.
Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical
Services, "Campaign against Tubercu-
losis."

7.30 "London Relay"—The News.
8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.

8.03 Rina Kelly (Vocal) in a
Light French Programme with
L'Accordeoniste Alexander.

8.10 "Atterdant." (Oliver & Potrat);
Samborero and Montillas (Valsade &
Chanty); Rina Kelly (Vocal) with
Orchestra; Vous Oubliez Votre
Cheval (Trenet-Arcady); J'ai Connu
De Vous (Trenet); Charles Trenet
(Vocal) with Orchestra; One Step
Parade (D'Oleau); Valse Musette
Reve Secret.

8.15 "L'Accordeoniste
Alexander and His Orchestra; Rien Que
Mon Coeur (Martel & Others); Le
Clocher D'Amour (Martel & Others);
Rina Kelly (Vocal) with Orches-
tra; En Quilant Une Vile (Trenet);
Charles Trenet (Vocal) & His
Orchestra."

8.30 Concert Waltzes.
Spring Waltz (arr. Schwartz);
Waltz Nette (arr. Schwartz);
Russian Novelty Orchestra; My Dar-
ling Waltz (The Gypsy Baron—
Strauss); Berlin State Opera Or-
chestra conducted by Leo Bloch.

8.45 Studio-Talk on "The Psy-
chology of the War."
9.05 Roger Quilter—Three Eng-
lish Dances.

New Light Symphony Orchestra.
9.15 London Relay—News Sum-
mary.

9.20 Selections from "The Bo-
hemian Girl," "A Country Girl" and
"The Quaker Girl."
9.45 Patricia Rossborough (Piano)
and Robinson Cleaver (Organ).
Zampa (Herold); Carefree—Sele-
ction; The Certain Age—Selection;
Nola (Arndt); The Wedding of the
Painted Doll (Brown).

10.0 An hour of Dance Music.
11.0 Close down.

Nazis Revive The Q-Boat

Blame Them For
"First" U-Boat Losses

BERLIN, Jan. 3 (UP).—An au-
thorized source to-day admitted that
two German U-boats have been sunk
by British "submarine traps," namely
armed merchant ships, since the be-
ginning of the war.

It is worthy of note that is the
first admission of U-boat losses made
by authorized German quarters.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1890.
Governor des Voeux will, in all pro-
bability, leave here for home next
March, and his return is uncertain.
His Excellency's health has, unfor-
tunately, not been so satisfactory as
could have been wished. Hongkong
will greatly miss one of the ablest and
most conscientious rulers that has ever
controlled the destinies of the colony.

25 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1915.
The first contingent will leave Hong-
kong on January 22, intending to re-
turn to the United Kingdom, if they
wish to proceed with the first
contingent.

The King has been graciously pleased
to approve of the grant of the Victoria
Cross to nine officers, non-commissioned
officers and men, for conspicuous
bravery while serving with the Expedi-
tionary Force.

10 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1930.
The members and officials of the
Rent Problem Committee held their
eighteenth meeting at the big hall of the
24 Trade Guilds Association last night.

5 YEARS AGO

Jan. 4, 1935.
The Abyssinian Government has
lodged a telegraphic appeal with the
League of Nations, alleging that Italian
troops are massing near the town of
Gerogubi and that they attacked the
Abyssinian garrison there on December
28.

Red Diplomat Is Sarcastic

Finn Claims Compared
With Japanese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—

The exaggerated character of
much of the news regarding
Soviet war activities in Finland
is alleged in a statement issued
by the Soviet Embassy in
London.

The statement declares that the
alleged civilian casualties due to
large-scale bombing raids of open
towns are not borne out by a news
agency report from Helsinki of
December 20, in which it was
estimated that the casualties totalled
200.

The statement compares this figure
with the results of single Japanese
raids on Chungking last May, and
"sarcastically adds that the number of
Soviet tanks alleged to be destroyed
in Finland favourably compares with
the numbers of Soviet aeroplanes
"alleged" to be brought down by
Japanese combatants during the
summer last year on the Mongolian-
Manchurian frontier.

Sino-Japanese Hostilities Hurt Hongkong Company

ASIA LANDS' LOSSES ON YEAR'S WORKING

Mr. Lawrence Kadoorie pre-
siding at the eight annual
general meeting of Asia Lands
Limited this afternoon at the
Mercantile Bank Building re-
gretted that the accounts again
showed a loss, but said that if
the item of depreciation be ex-
cluded it would be seen that the
actual loss on working was
\$3,422 compared with \$16,222
last year. He thought the re-
duction was very satisfactory
considering the very difficult
times through which the com-
pany was passing.

The others present were Messrs.
G. Miskin, J. Fleming, A. E. Gutierrez
and E. M. Bryden.

Chairman's Speech

You have just received, with
the annual report and accounts an
advance copy of the address which
I will now make—an innovation
introduced last year for the purpose
of providing the fullest information
concerning the affairs of the Com-
pany to those shareholders who are
unable to attend the annual meeting.
I regret that the accounts placed
before you again show a loss, but if
the item of Depreciation amounting
to \$40,533.41 be excluded, it will be
seen that the actual loss on working
this year is \$3,422.77 compared with
\$16,222.28 last year, a reduction of
\$12,800.01 which I think you will
agree is very satisfactory considering
the very difficult times through which
the Company is passing.

Net income from properties has
increased by \$9,501.28 mainly attri-
butable to enhanced revenue from
our Po Tak Wharf. We have not
been so fortunate with the Hing Kee
Wharf which, as I previously stated,
is not situated in such a favourable
locality and naturally suffers to a
greater extent from the disruption of
the river trade caused by the Sino-
Japanese hostilities. However, after
great difficulty we secured a tenant
at a reasonable rental for one side
of the wharf though this welcome
recovery lasted only five months.

We had a large enquiry from
another party and arrangements for
a remunerative rental had almost
been successfully completed when
the news of the Japanese invasion of
Swatow caused an abrupt break in
the negotiations. It is apparent,
therefore, that any expectation of
substantial income arising from the
wharf must be deferred until the
cessation of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

House Properties Occupied

In welcome contrast to our wharf
property, I am glad to be able to
report that our house properties are
fully occupied at reasonable rentals.
The sale for \$10,000.00 of the
vacant land next to our Brecon
Terrace property was completed
during the year and as already ad-
vised you, the sum realised has been
applied towards reduction of the
book value of this property.

Our Investment in Concrete Pro-
perties Ltd., which had stood in the
books at the nominal value of \$1
has been finally disposed of for the
sum of \$1,350.00.

Our bank overdraft on "General"
account has been reduced by ap-
proximately \$14,000.00 from the pre-
ceding year, and the sale of the
vacant land and investment, and from
surplus income from house properties.
The overdraft on "Permanent" Piers
account, however, has increased by
about \$8,800.00, the measure net in-
come from the Hing Kee Wharf
being insufficient to cover bank
interest on the relative loan.

I do not think there are any fur-
ther comments I can usefully make,
and I now propose that the report
and statement of accounts as pre-
sented be adopted. When this has
been seconded, I shall be pleased to
answer to the best of my ability any
questions shareholders may wish to
ask.

The motion was seconded and
carried unanimously.
The retiring Director, Mr. L.
Kadoorie, was re-elected and the
election of Messrs. E. M. Bryden and
G. Miskin to the Board was confirmed.
The retiring auditors Messrs.
Percy Smith, Selk and Fleming were
reappointed.

ATTLEE IN FRANCE

LONDON, Jan. 4 (Reuter).—Mr.
Clement R. Attlee, Leader of the
Labour Opposition, is touring the
lines of the B.E.F. in France, and
yesterday he was the guest of General
Viscount Gort, the British Com-
mander-in-Chief, at General Head-
quarters.

As They See It Abroad



"If the first cavewoman came back"
("Pitts-burgh Post Gazette," U.S.A.)

Praise From The French

British War Effort
Appreciated

PARIS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The
British Empire's concerted war
effort is warmly praised by a
contributor to "Le Matin."

French troops watching the Rhine,
he says, receive deep satisfaction
at the steady growing-up, beside them,
of a British army which also counts
its soldiers by the million.

OUR GUIDE TO THE CINEMAS

"Little Tough Guys in Society"
(Oriental). The half-dressed boys,
who appeared with such success in
"Dand Bad," again take the leading
roles in this film. In a country house
in a very short time, and Frenchmen
could not praise too highly their
British friends for not delaying a
single day in their efforts towards a
triumph of their joint task.

Foreign Policy Approved

ANKARA, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Tur-
key's foreign policy was approved by
a meeting of the People's Party of the
Parliamentary Group on Tuesday
night.

The Foreign Minister addressed the
meeting in a two-hour speech.

NEW YEAR TRAGEDIES

Many Die In Hotel Fire
And Train Smash

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
An hotel fire in Minneapolis
and a train smash near Tokyo
yesterday resulted in at least 28
deaths, according to exclusive
reports received by the "Tele-
graph."

A "United Press" message
from Minneapolis says that at
least 18 people lost their lives
yesterday following an outbreak
of fire in the furnace room of
the Marlborough Apartment
Hotel in the city.

The stairway was enveloped in
flames, trapping most of the 200
residents.
"Reuter" confirms the death toll,
and adds that although all available
fire engines were called out, the cold
was so intense that the water from
the hoses froze before reaching the
flames.

Fatal Collision

A "Domel" report from Tokyo says
that ten persons were killed and over
60 injured, many of them seriously,
when a head-on collision occurred on
Tuesday afternoon on the Musashino
electric railway near the border
between the Tokyo and Saitama
Prefectures.
A freight train ran into a passen-
ger train crowded with New Year
holiday-makers.
The accident occurred on a steep
hill, where a sharp curve prevented
a long range view for the engine
drivers.

20 Bodies Recovered

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 3 (UP).—
Twenty bodies have been recovered
40 people were injured 25 of whom
have been sent to hospital.
Those injured include two firemen
and two policemen.

DUBLIN, Jan. 3 (UP).—The Dail
passed the second reading of the In-
ternment bill.

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- C2170—Cavatina. (Raff) New Light Sym. Orch.
Solemn Melody. (Walford-Davies).....
- C2812—Dance of The Hours. "Gloconda" Boston Promenade Orch.
- C2208—From Offenbach's Samble Box Marek Weber & Orch.
- C2287—Negro Spiritual Medley Paul Robeson, with Orch.
- C2851—The King Steps Out. (Kreiser) Chorus & Orch.
- C2996—Happy Vienna Viennese Waltz Orch.
- C2220—White Horse Inn. Vocal Gems Light Opera Company.

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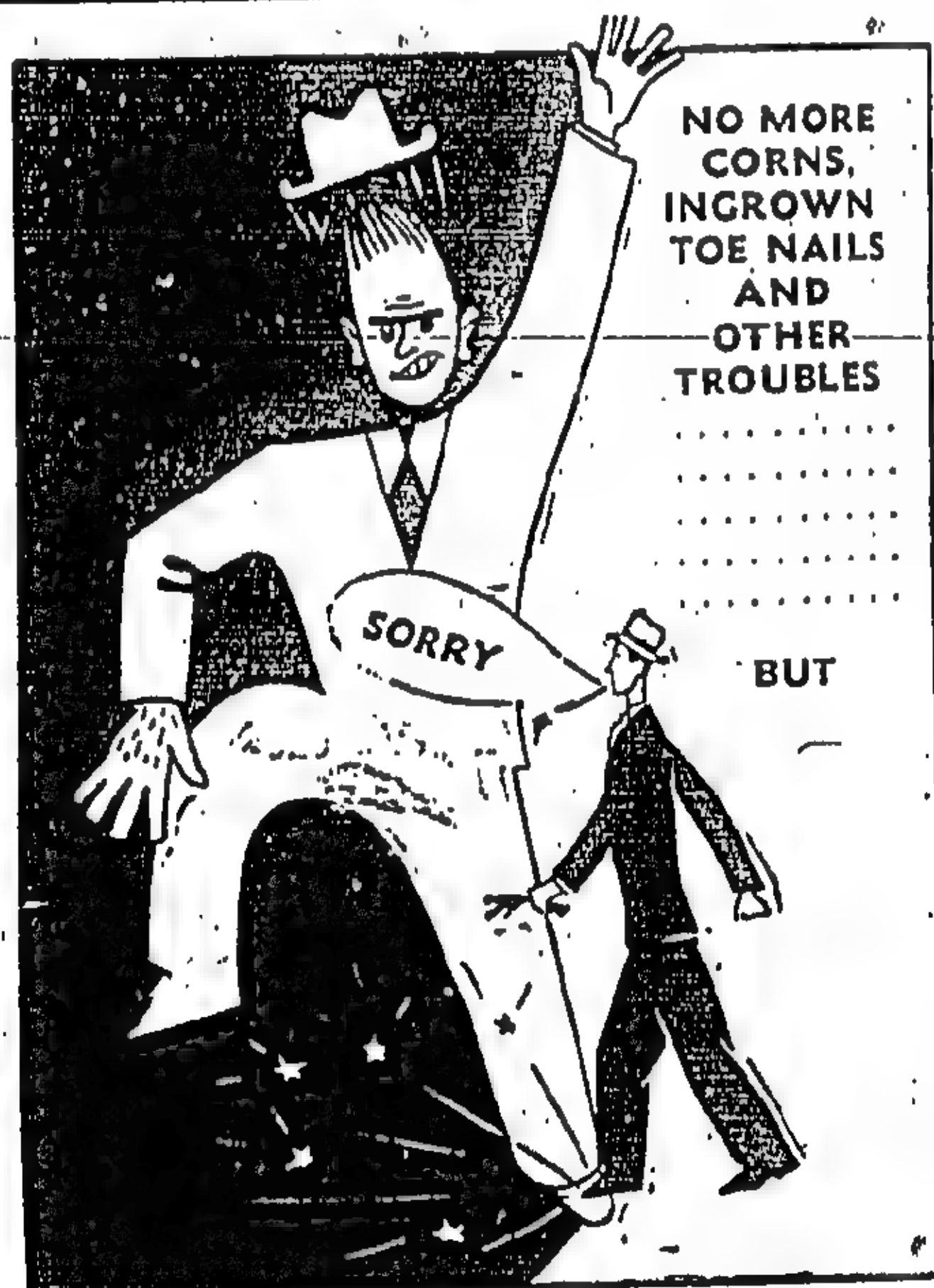
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Beating The Bomber?

THIS is a war of paradoxes. Russia brands Britain and France as aggressors for doing what it has been urging them to do for years. For weeks the world's mightiest armies face each other without any fighting worth talking of taking place. It is therefore perhaps not surprising that the claim of Dr. Goebbels' Propaganda Ministry that fifty per cent of the British airplanes which raided Wilhelmshaven and Cuxhaven were brought down tells heavily against Germany's chances of ultimate success.

From the British point of view these raids were highly successful; but no attempt has been made to deny that the attacking force suffered heavy losses. Heavy losses, too, have been inflicted upon German airplanes striving to bomb the English coast. And a German bomber was brought down by the Royal Air Force Patrol before it reached British shores.

These German losses have been ascribed to marked superiority in the British fighter planes. But the more considered and generally accepted view is that air-defence is to-day so well organised and efficient that, both in Germany and in Britain, it has got the upper hand over the attack.

Subsequent events may cause this judgment to be revised. But so far, it is the logical conclusion from the course the war has taken.

Manifestly it is a conclusion greatly to the advantage of the Allies. It is not they, but Germany, whose power is built on an assumption of the overwhelming striking force of airplanes.

It is not they, but Germany, who will suffer most if this striking power be neutralised.

If, in fact, the bomber cannot always get through, Germany will have lost the advantage upon which she very largely relied.

Warfare in
The Arctic Circle

THE SCENE of to-day's fighting in Finnish Lapland, where Soviet troops and Finns struggle for possession of the Arctic Road, is not familiar to many.

A few fishermen of varying nationalities go there during happier times to catch the salmon and trout that abound in the lakes and rivers. A handful of motorists take their cars up the sandy highway from the Arctic Circle, where the Hel-singfors - Rovaniemi railway ends, to Lina-hamari, the ice-free harbour on the Arctic Ocean.

At intervals all the way up the road are little red wooden hotels, charmingly furnished, where in summer students from the University, speaking several languages, look after the comfort of tourists and of passengers from the twice-a-day buses, that take two days over the full journey.

THE southern half of the road is pretty but monotonous. Endless fir-forests completely cover the rolling countryside. Here and there a river cuts the road and while unfrozen must be crossed on a floating platform that is propelled by hooking notched billets of wood on the wires that stretch from bank to bank. But beyond Ivalo, which boasts a tiny hospital, a hotel and a few shops, the scenery improves. The enormous lake of Inari can be seen between the trees, with its thousand little islands.

At Salmijarvi and Pitkajarvi where battles are now being fought, is the grandest stretch of country to be seen. Pitkajarvi, ("jarvi" means "lake"), is particularly beautiful. A huge stretch of water is backed by a great hill which in summer and winter is equally impressive. The road runs along the east shore and the western shore is in Norway.

North of this point trees gradually grow fewer and smaller. The next stop on the bus route is Ylaluostari, where there is a small Russian monastery and an inn. Some miles further on is Alaluostari, where there is another Russian church. Then there are no more signs of human life until Linahamari is reached.

Because this harbour remains open throughout the severest winter it was rapidly becoming quite a settlement. A large inn, a petrol station, several dwelling-houses and godowns were there when I last visited it five years ago and by now it must be very much enlarged. All this tract of land north of Pitkajarvi is called Petsamo, so when the Soviets claim to have conquered or captured it, it is probably an exaggeration.

Progress by troops over this sort of heavily wooded country is of necessity difficult... almost insuperably difficult in summer. Great treacherous swamps called "mosas" cover low-lying land between lakes and can only then be crossed by those who know them well. In winter, of course, the ice and snow make them safe and, with their lack of trees they prove, like the ice-bound lakes, the only places where progress on skis is at all swift.

FINNISH skis have, as a rule, none of the complicated harness needed by skiers in mountainous districts. A simple strap allows a curly-toed boot to be slipped in and out at

a moment's notice, once in, this same curly toe keeps it in place. In the forests it is more convenient to carry them than to manoeuvre them through the close-growing trees.

Fighters in this Northern land these days never see the sun. In fact all this month they will probably see no daylight.

Between noon and 3 p.m. a rosy glow on the horizon lights up the snow in a theatrical and romantic way.

During the night the glories of the shimmering sea-green and pink Aurora Borealis may thrill them in the Northern sky. Otherwise they must depend on the moon and stars to light their way. Early in the New Year the sun appears again and every "day" is considerably longer than the one before, hastening towards the 24-hour length it attains at the end of June.

THE NATIVE inhabitants of the country suffer, we can hope, possibly less than refugees of any other race because they are a nomadic people.

The little Lapp, most timid and harmless of souls, travels hundreds of miles every winter after new feeding-grounds for the reindeer that are his wealth. Living in their pointed skin tents, they settle a while round some place where their beasts can hoof away the snow and browse on the moss they love. The men spear holes in the ice of the lake and fish under conditions freezing enough to deter the toughest Messrs. Hardy's customers. Then, the feeding ground laid waste, they move on with all their belongings to the next suitable spot.

It is only in summer, when their reindeer are turned loose to range at will over the whole country, that the Laplanders stay any length of time in one place and even then he makes many excursions in his skin canoes, including one grand trek down to Rovaniemi to sell the skins collected during the winter.

The reindeer provides the Lapp with his winter clothing of skin and fur, a hood, a cloak, huge mitts, and loose fur stockings to tuck into his soft, high boots. These are also stuffed with straw against frost-bite. Reindeer horn provides his wife with needles and weaving-shuttles and with pins for her hair. His children drink reindeer milk and his fawns are of reindeer meat.

Then, too, he trains as many as necessary of his reindeer to act as transport animals. He and all his family and their luggage travel over the snow in "pulkas". These are narrow, boat-shaped sleds holding one person only. Once in, you are in for good, so to speak. Should your very wild pulka decide to run away, you may turn somersaults and be dashed from rock to rock on the very hard ground but you cannot get out unless you cut the traces and let him go. If you annoy your reindeer he may turn round and try to gore you, pulka and all. But supposing you get a docile beast, the motion is pleasant. He can attain quite a considerable speed with his clumsy, lolling gait, and cover many dozen miles a day under good conditions.

BESIDE the native Lapp, many Finns have settled up in the northernmost parts of their country and the loss of their farms and villages, burnt by retreating armies, will cause terrible suffering.

Farmers and wood-cutters in these desolate regions lead at the best of times an extremely hard life.

During the short summer, tormented by mosquitoes, they must work 24 hours a day in their fields to collect green stuff for themselves and hay to feed their beasts during the 7 or 8 months of snow. In the little that can be done out-of-doors, those who can afford it, often move down to Rovaniemi for the winter, returning to their farms at the first sign of thaw.

It is these hardy men who are fighting on their own ground to keep their own country.

Should the Soviet, with her overwhelming superior numbers, overrun this country, she will find that even then she is very far from any kind of real or successful victory.



This is the Story of

AH MOOI

AH MOOI was six years old, small and golden brown, slender and with a mouth like a folded flower.

One lovely morning, when all the rice had been gathered and when Ah Mooi's mother had a little time to spare, she called Ah Mooi.

Ah Mooi knew why she had been called. For days she had been so happy and excited, (though no one would have guessed this; Chinese children are usually so grave and tranquil) for she had been promised that soon she was to begin to carry Ah Tai ("Little Brother") on her back.

FOR some months Ah Mooi had been prepared for this. Sometimes several sticks would be fastened to her back, then an old doll and later a bundle; and Ah Mooi could hardly wait to be allowed to have Ah Tai fastened in the me-tai which grandmother had embroidered so beautifully.

A me-tai is a large square sling made of strong cloth and with coloured embroidery on it—often of birds and flowers. It has four long ends to fold and tie round the body. Very often the babies are nearly as big as the small children who carry them!

Ah Mooi came and listened whilst her mother told her how careful she was to be of Ah Tai. "If you sit, Ah Mooi, remember to leave plenty of room for Ah Tai behind!"

SOON lovely fat Ah Tai—who was several months old—was fastened up tight to Ah Mooi's small flat back and Ah Mooi put a small hand to each side, held the tiny feet, and felt immeasurably happy.

Ah Tai was wearing his "tiger" cap with two pointed fur ears, so that any wandering evil spirits would think it was a ferocious tiger and not a baby and give it a wide berth.

She trotted off and walked along the narrow grass verge which separated the rice fields from each other and was turning a corner by the well.

Suddenly a huge creature came springing towards her.

For a moment Ah Mooi's heart nearly stopped beating. She was terribly frightened and was turning to run away when she remembered the little brother fastened on her back. She stood quite still and held his small feet.

How glad she was to hear someone calling.

The creature stopped as in a moment a big "foreigner" came along and fastened a large strap to his Asiatan. When he saw the small Ah Mooi looking so pale and frightened he spoke to her in Chinese and told her not to be afraid.

Soon Ah Mooi was telling him that if anything had hurt Ah Tai she would be punished. The foreigner said he would take her home and explain everything to her mother.

THE foreigner, who was really a very kind doctor, loved the Chinese as much as they all loved him. Very soon Ah Mooi was telling him how, to-day, she had been allowed to carry Ah Tai for the first time.

While she was chattering away in her silvery voice the doctor was watching her carefully, noticing that Ah Mooi's eyes were inflamed and sore. The doctor had lived a long time in China: one of the things that made him sad was that so many children suffered in this way and often went blind.

He had found a way of treating and often curing them, but it usually meant hospital—often too difficult, for Chinese parents are afraid of the "foreign devils".

Somehow this was Ah Mooi's lucky day, for just as her mother came out to meet her, the Chief of the next village came by. He hurried forward and told Ah Mooi's mother how the wonderful foreign doctor had cured his son's eyes some two or three years ago.

Bye and bye, after much talking with Ah Mooi's parents and grandparents, who really mattered most, for grandparents are very important in China, it was agreed that Ah Mooi should go with the doctor.

By the time the rice was next harvested, little Ah Mooi was completely cured and back, with Ah Tai again fastened in the me-tai to her small back. She told him of all the wonderful things she had seen in the big hospital and how kind the "foreign devils" had been.

To-day Ah Mooi is happily employed as Amah to the doctor's children.—C.

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FINNISH WAR

DEFENDERS MAINTAIN OFFENSIVE

Russians Hard Pressed In Arctic Regions

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The weather in Southern Finland cleared to-day and, taking advantage of this, Soviet aircraft bombed the port of Hangö. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

There is little fighting around the Mannerheim Line, but between Lake Ladoga and the Polar front, one Russian division has been surrounded and is desperately trying to fight its way out.

Reports of a Russian retreat towards Petsamo continue to come in, and there seems little doubt that the Finns have the initiative in this area. Neutral observers state that the Finns are in a better strategic position to-day than they have been at any time since the Soviet invasion began. At one point, indeed, operations are being carried out on Russian soil.

Since the beginning of the war, the Finnish news agency reports, the Soviets have lost 400 tanks and 150 planes.

Attack Repulsed

HELSINGFORS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—To-day's communique states that the Soviets have launched a force infantry attack after artillery preparation on the Pielinen River.

The Finns repulsed the attack with great loss to the Russians. At Atajoki, the Finns destroyed a Russian company supported by machine guns. On the Suomussalmi front, near Rastri, the Finns destroyed five Russian tanks and two armoured cars. In the Junturanta sector, the Finns reached the left bank of the River Kokkojärvi.

Tell It To The Finns

MOSCOW, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—"For outstanding services in inventing and designing new and highly important models of Red Army armament," Vassili Degtyarev is awarded the title of Hero of Socialist Labour, the Order of Lenin and 50,000 roubles. The "Izvestia" remarks that Degtyarev's inventions have been of very great importance, enhancing the technical might of the Red Army. Infantry, aviation and tank troops have received armaments in no way inferior and in some respects surpassing the best foreign models.

U-BOAT SINKS A SWEDISH SHIP

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—A 5,000 ton Swedish steamer in the Atlantic has sent out an SOS stating that she is under fire from a German submarine and that she is now sinking.

Another Torpedoed

LONDON, Jan. 4 (Reuter).—The Swedish steamer, Statens, 3,750 tons, was torpedoed off the west coast of Scotland by a U-boat yesterday. Eleven survivors were picked up.

Thefts From Cars

Dr. Talbot, 10 Macdonnell Road, had his travelling rug valued at \$55 stolen from his car which was parked outside his house yesterday. A portable Columbia gramophone was stolen from a car belonging to Mr. J. R. M. Smith, 188 Kennedy Road, last week.

Japanese C-in-C Takes Charge

IMPORTANT NEW CANTON DRIVE

According to a "Central News" report from Chungking, Lieut. General T. Nishio and Lieut. Gen. S. Itagaki, respectively Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Staff, of the Japanese forces in China, have arrived in Canton to direct operations in North Kwangtung.

The fact that the two top-ranking generals of the Japanese expeditionary force in China are both in the south to take personal charge of operations indicates the importance of the drive in this sector.

Generals Nishio and Itagaki are said to be staying at the Japanese Headquarters at Tungshan.

On Kwangsi Front

On the Kwangsi front, a "Central News" war correspondent who visited Kungshingwan Pass on the Nanning-Pingyang highway found a large quantity of Japanese arms and munitions captured. Some heavy guns had been buried by the Japanese upon their retreat but they were dug up by the Chinese.

In Kungshingwan Chinese troops attacked Japanese at dawn on New Year's day and recaptured the town after some heavy fighting. They are said to have seized eight machine-guns and over 100 rifles.

Three successive Japanese assaults on Tashaping, 12 miles north of Tungshan in South Hupoh, and Tschingling, further west, were repulsed on the same day. Many Japanese were killed and wounded in the fighting here.

Severe blows are also said to have been dealt to the Japanese forces near Hsiahshien and Anyi in South Shansi.

In a night attack on Monday, the Chinese smashed into Tienyue, south of Hsiahshien, and set fire to the ammunition dumps.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: "Firm conditions prevailed over the market during the morning with Docks again being largely dealt in and at advancing rates."

Buyers	
H.K. Bank	\$1,365
Canton Ins.	\$200
Douglases	\$72
Docks	\$121.20
Electricity	\$44 1/2
Hotels	\$5
Land	\$32 1/2
Realities	\$4.30
Tramways	\$17.10
Star Ferries	\$68 1/2
Yamatani Ferries	\$23 1/2
China Lights (old)	\$7 1/2
Electricity	\$53 1/2
Sandakan Lights	\$11.10
Telephones (old)	\$24 1/2
Telephones (new)	\$8.10
Cements	\$17 1/2
Dairy Farms (old)	\$21 1/2
Dairy Farms (new)	\$21 1/2
Watsons	\$9.10
Sellers	
Tramways	\$17 1/2
Cements	\$18
Watsons	\$9.40
Sales	
Docks	\$20 1/2 / 60/21
Land	\$10 1/2
China Lights (old)	\$7.05
Electricity	\$53 1/2
Cements	\$17 1/2
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Kpo Gold	14 s
Hogon Mining	31 1/2 s
Mambulo Con.	0.17 s
Masbate Con.	12 s
Mind. Motherlode	0.09 1/2 s
Mine Operation	12 s
North Camarines	17 s
Paracale Gumaus	20 s
San Mateo	17 1/2 s
Surigao Con.	20 s
Suyoc Con.	14 1/2 s
Syndicate Inv.	0.20 s
United Paracale	35 s
Benguet Con.	5.70 s

LOCAL BOXER CATCHES THIEF

Young Aremia, well-known local boxer, appeared before Mr. Hing-worth at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning as complainant, when Lou Yin, a coolie, was charged with theft of two iron shackles from the Kowloon Docks. Aromin who is employed by the Docks searched Lou as he was leaving, and found the shackles tied to his legs. Lou was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour.

Stole From Priests

THIEF IS BOUND OVER

Remanded from yesterday to find a guarantor, Ngal Hui, shroff employed by Catholic priests in Happy Valley, appeared before Mr. Forrest at Central Magistracy this morning, when he was bound over on a \$100 bond to be of good behaviour for one year.

Ngal had reported to the Police that he had been held up and robbed by two armed men of \$77, but it was later discovered that he had concealed \$500, and spent \$77.

Father Grampa agreed to act as guarantor, and said defendant would be taken to Weihow on Monday.

Inspector Baker protested against the lightness of the sentence, but Mr. Forrest said he did not think defendant would do such a thing again. The Catholic fathers were not pressing for the return of the money.

GODOWN BLAZE QUELLED

QUICK WORK by the Central Fire Brigade under its Superintendent, Mr. J. C. Fitzhenry, prevented what might have been a serious outbreak in an extra-hazardous godown in Connaught Road West this morning.

The godown, which is the property of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, was filled with matches packed in bulk, cotton wool and films.

The fire brigade "was on the spot" within a few minutes of the alarm being raised by the watch-keeper, and had the blaze under control within half-an-hour. The godown was gutted, but the flames were prevented from spreading to adjoining godowns.

The outbreak was accidentally discovered by the watch-keeper, who visited the godown shortly before 9.30 a.m. to obtain samples for a client. Tram and other vehicular traffic to and from Kennedy Town was held up for 40 minutes as a result of the outbreak.

Compulsory Labour Announced

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Both Sweden and Rumania are to have compulsory labour services. In Sweden under a Bill passed on Tuesday, labour will be compulsory for equipping and maintaining Sweden's defences as well as for such vital services as agriculture and transport. All farm labour, it is now compulsory, in Rumania to-day, is now compulsory.

ALLIED PATROLS SCORE SUCCESSES

PARIS, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—A communique issued to-day states: "During the day our patrols and reconnaissance parties successfully fulfilled their missions in the various points at the front."

"Towards mid-day, two enemy planes were brought down by our fighters."

HONGKONG REFUGEES SWARM BACK TO SHUMCHUN

About 3,000 refugees have returned to Shumchun from Hongkong since the Japanese evacuated the border areas last Sunday, says "Central News." Most of the houses and shops in the business section of the town, though little damaged, are empty. The former refugee camp of the Red Swastika Association has been gutted by fire. Regular Chinese troops and police are enforcing law and order. Mr. Teng Hung, magistrate at Po On, called a meeting of the county chiefs yesterday when measures for rehabilitation were discussed. "It was decided to induce more refugees to return. A petition has been sent to the National Relief Commission in Chungking for funds for emergency relief. The refugees who have returned are badly in need of beddings, foodstuffs and medicine."

TROOPS KILLED IN TRAIN SMASH

LONDON, Jan. 4. (Reuter).—A serious crash on the Murmansk-Leningrad Railway in which scores of troops were killed and injured is reported by the Stockholm correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

The crash is believed to have been due to activities along certain sections of the line by Finnish guerrillas. The engine rolled down a steep embankment, carrying a whole train with it.

Further Turkish Quakes

ANKARA, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Fresh tremors were felt in Southern Anatolia to-day.

Several hundreds of buildings collapsed and many more panic-stricken people have been rendered homeless.

Fortunately the death toll is believed to have been small.

This is because the quakes came in the daytime and the people had time to rush out of their houses before the buildings fell in and collapsed.

Floods persist and the River Euphrates is causing great damage, while villages are swept away. Its waters are still rising.

President Inceca is completing preparations for a tour of the entire devastated area.

Europe's Cold Wave

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—Bad weather is striking other parts of Europe besides Turkey.

In Southern Spain, violent rains are falling and at least one river has risen 20 feet.

In Central Europe, great hardship is being caused by the extreme cold. In Rumania, a temperature of 50 degrees below freezing point is reported.

British Offer

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Government has offered to put a hospital ship at the disposal of the Turkish Government.

The latter has replied, expressing gratitude and stating that it will accept the offer should the need arise.

French Aid For Turks

PARIS, Jan. 3 (UP).—The High Command of the French armed forces in Syria has donated 300 tents and 5,000 blankets to the victims of the Turkish earthquakes.

The Civil Administration in Syria has also donated 200,000 francs, as well as material for tents and blankets.

Manslaughter Charge Sequel To Fatality In Bonham Road

LIEUTENANT THOMAS PARKINSON, 51, Quartermaster of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, was charged with manslaughter at the Central Magistracy this morning. The Crown indictment alleges that Parkinson, whilst driving his car along Bonham Road on December 23, knocked down and killed one Wong Chui-lam.

The accident is alleged to have happened near the intersection with Breary Path.

A remand of seven days was granted after formal evidence had been tendered by the Crown. Bail of \$100 was permitted.

R.A.F. PLANE'S FATAL FLIGHT

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that the British aircraft forced down in Belgium was attacked by three German fighters while engaged in reconnaissance over Germany.

One member of the crew was killed and two were slightly injured.

Amalgamation Is Recommended

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The Federal Communications Commission has recommended to Congress consolidation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company as the remedy for many of the existing ills in the communications industry.

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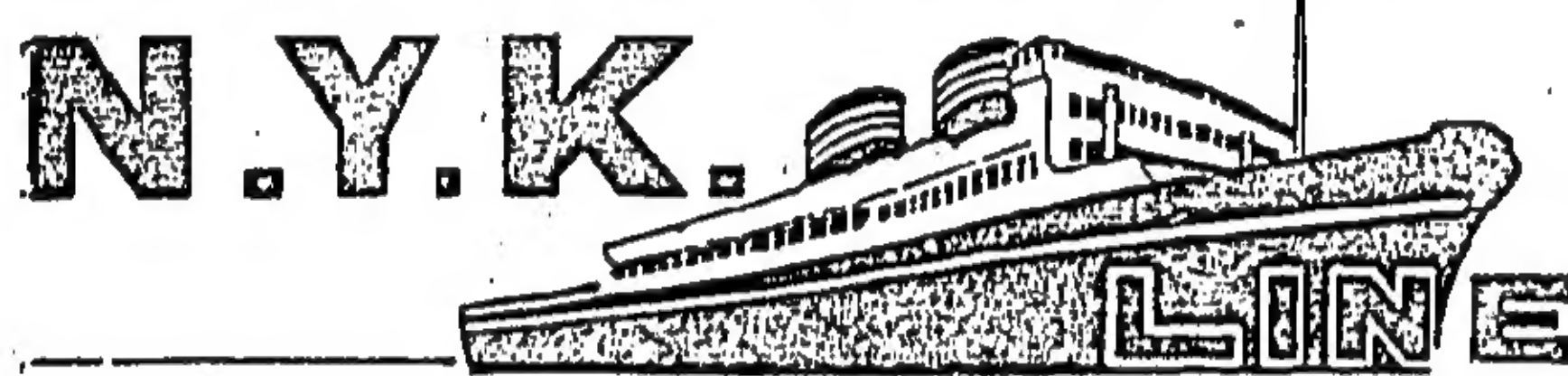
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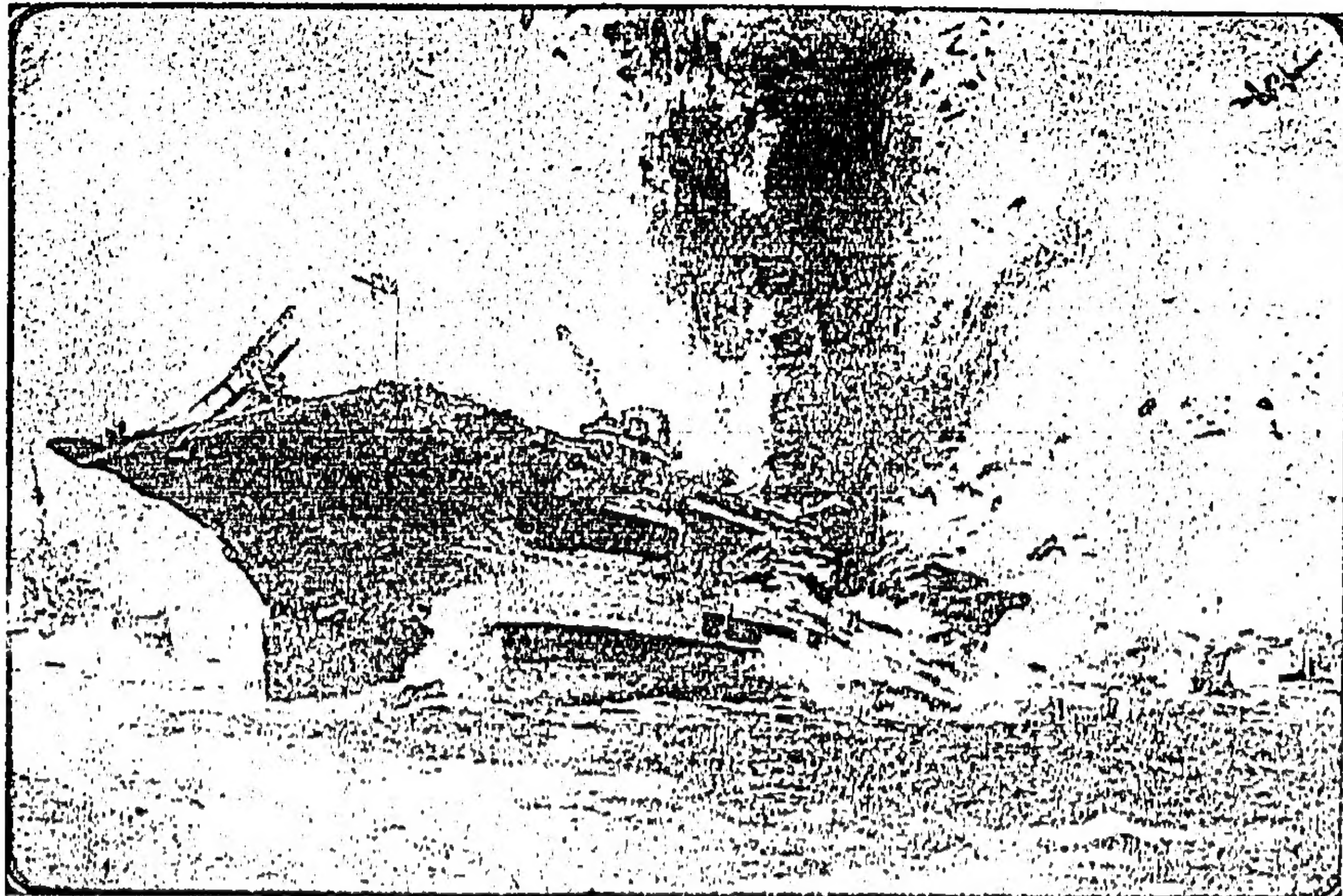
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SO THIS IS WHAT DID NOT HAPPEN TO THE ARK ROYAL?



You will remember that Nazi Leading-Aircraftman Francke received promotion and the Iron Cross (1st and 2nd Class) for outstanding courage in the face of the enemy. He had "sunk" the British aircraft-carrier Ark Royal. Said Goering, said Goebbels. Said Hitler. And Die Wehrmacht, German news-magazine, illustrated the war's most extraordinary feat—the sinking of a Warship that is Still Afloat. "A 1,200lb. bomb hits the enemy vessel," it is headed, and the artist gives his "impression" of a direct hit ending the life of the Ark Royal. "All the attacking planes," of course, "returned safely to their bases."

Willy
makes
money
out of
Adolf

WILLIAM PATRICK HITLER (Willy), Adolf's British-horn nephew, who is touring the United States and making big money with a series of lectures on "What the German people are thinking," sent a letter to a friend in London recently, and enclosed the prospectus of his tour.

His agents, Harold R. Peat, of New York, say in their announcements that Willy Hitler "presents the startling story of the real Germany hidden by Nazi fictions." Willy is the son of Adolf's half-brother Alois, a Berlin restaurant-keeper. His mother is Irish. He was educated in England, and went to live in Germany shortly after Hitler came to power in 1933. He and his mother went to the United States last February.

Adolf Relented

The announcements of his lecture tour say:—
"Willy Hitler has had stormy relations with his uncle. At first, for political reasons, Adolf Hitler denied that they were blood relatives."

"When Willy published a letter at his father's request to correct certain mis-statements about his family, Hitler summoned him and his father to his hotel, and in a hysterical interview threatened to kill himself if anything more was published concerning his family affairs."
"Hitler relented a little when Willy went to live in Germany." But Hitler became enraged when his nephew refused to obey commands, and at their final interview paced backwards and forwards with a horse-whip in his hands, threatening him.

Willy's mother says that Adolf was known in the family as "a man with a big mouth and a little hand." Her son predicts that the Nazi State cannot stand more than nine months of war.

Alois Hitler was a waiter in Dublin when he first met Willy's mother, a farmer's daughter. Three years after their wedding he deserted her at Liverpool, and married bigamously in Germany.

THE "TELEGRAPH" will send a Staff Photographer to all events of public interest. Requests should be addressed to the Pictorial Editor.

PENDANT

(Clipped from last Thursday's "Hongkong Telegraph")

Imagination Was Too Vivid

Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuters).—The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat.

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German station announced that German never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely sunk.

The Nazis said the information would never give out information which was not true. They, therefore, could not have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal.

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal as "like a gigantic torch floating up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge plume of smoke to mark the spot where the ship had been.

1,000,000 Left Idle By War Finance

AMSTERDAM. HITLER'S much-vaunted plan of war finance cannot get going.

Though Germany has today more than 1,000,000 workless, skilled labour is lacking everywhere.

These 1,000,000 unemployed—official figures, naturally, do not admit the real total—are not workers in heavy industry.

They are employed in trades supplying the consumption goods which have now been rationed.

The Nazi regime had tried to remedy the lack of skilled labour, not by transfers from the under-employed trades, but by increasing working hours.

Overwork Strain

So disastrous was the effect on men already worn down by wartime speeding-up and shortage of food that the shorter hours had to be restored.

One glance at the death notices in the papers published in industrial towns shows to what tragic heights factory accidents are rising.

As from January 1 onwards, therefore, working hours may not exceed 10 a day unless special permission is given.

The Reich Labour Control Office is further to investigate whether the workers can stand even a 10-hour day on war ration.

It is empowered to reduce them again if this proves to be necessary—and in any case overtime has to be paid after eight hours.

Nazis Short Of Men and Materials

NAZI shipbuilding yards engaged on the construction of U-boats are short of skilled labour and material.

The Stettin yard, which is engaged exclusively on naval work, has had to increase working hours. Only in this way is the yard able to keep up its turnover. The lack of skilled men is acute.

Krupps, too, according to reports from German sources, are experiencing the same difficulty. Another yard affected is the famous Blohm and Voss concern at Hamburg.

Ships Undelivered

At the outbreak of war there was a large number of ships under construction in German yards for foreign countries in exchange for frozen credits. Many of these vessels are still undelivered owing to the lack of materials.

Germany's claims that she can balance her submarine losses by new boats are vastly exaggerated. She also claims that in 1917 her U-boat output was one a day and that she expects to improve on that production.

In actual fact the production of German submarines in 1917 did not approach the figure they claim. For the whole of that year the number commissioned was only 87, varying between four and 12 per month.

Shipbuilding experts with whom I have discussed the question and who know the German yards intimately are convinced that the Nazis cannot possibly produce more than six U-boats each month under favourable conditions. And they are being sunk at that rate, by the Allied navies.

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Night work for women, and youths has been stopped altogether, their health was suffering so much.

Many women, indeed, are trying to avoid war-time factory work altogether by getting married.

Matrimonial advertisements by women seeking husbands have increased so amazingly that in some newspapers there are whole pages of them.

All these circumstances are making the already existing shortage of skilled labour really critical.

Vigorous attempts have been made to recruit skilled Dutch workless for employment in Germany.

But they have met with little success, since the war the number of Dutch workers in Germany has considerably decreased.

Germans Execute Girl Student

BUDAPEST. The Germans have imprisoned and executed a young girl student in Warsaw on a charge of having defaced anti-British posters, according to reports received here.

The posters depict war ruins and wounded civilians on one side and Mr. Chamberlain on the other. Underneath is the caption: "England, you have done this." Practically every poster, however, has the word "England" defaced.

The girl student's execution was described by the Germans as "an example to others."

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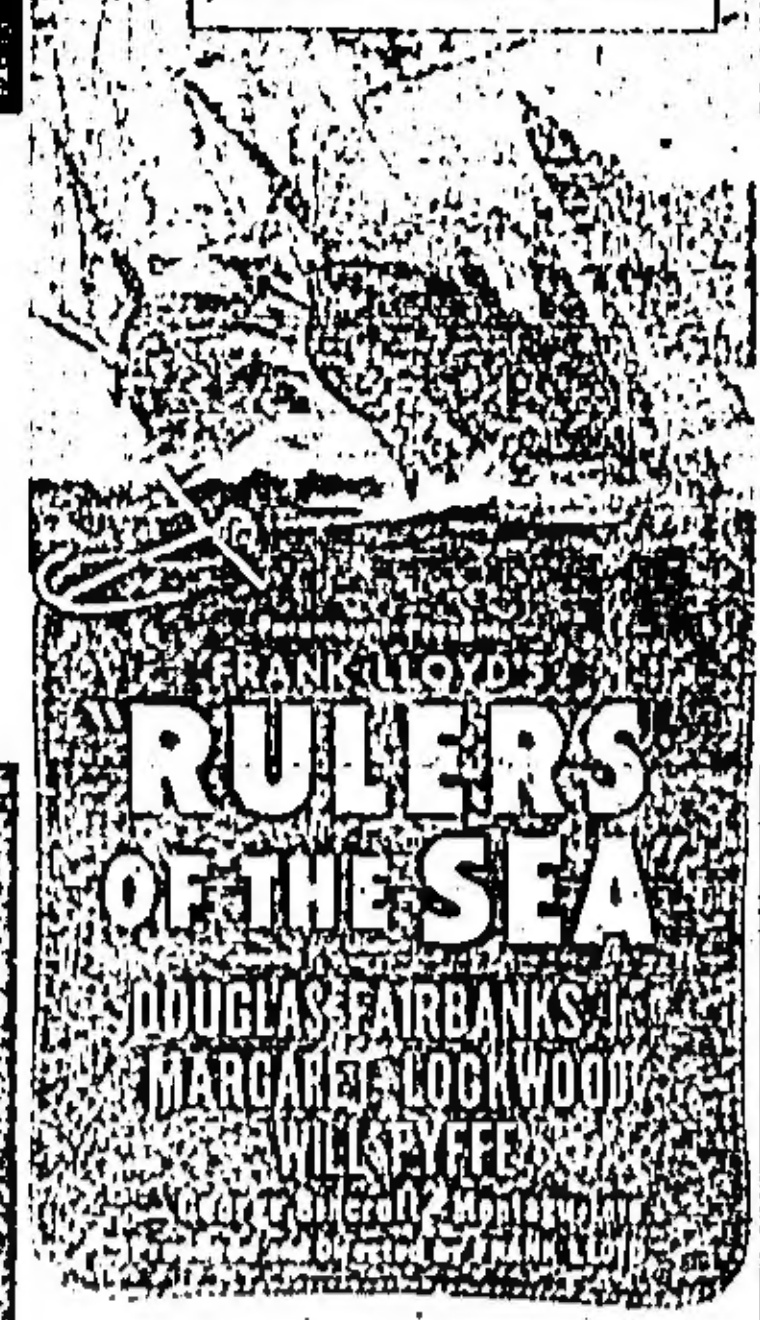
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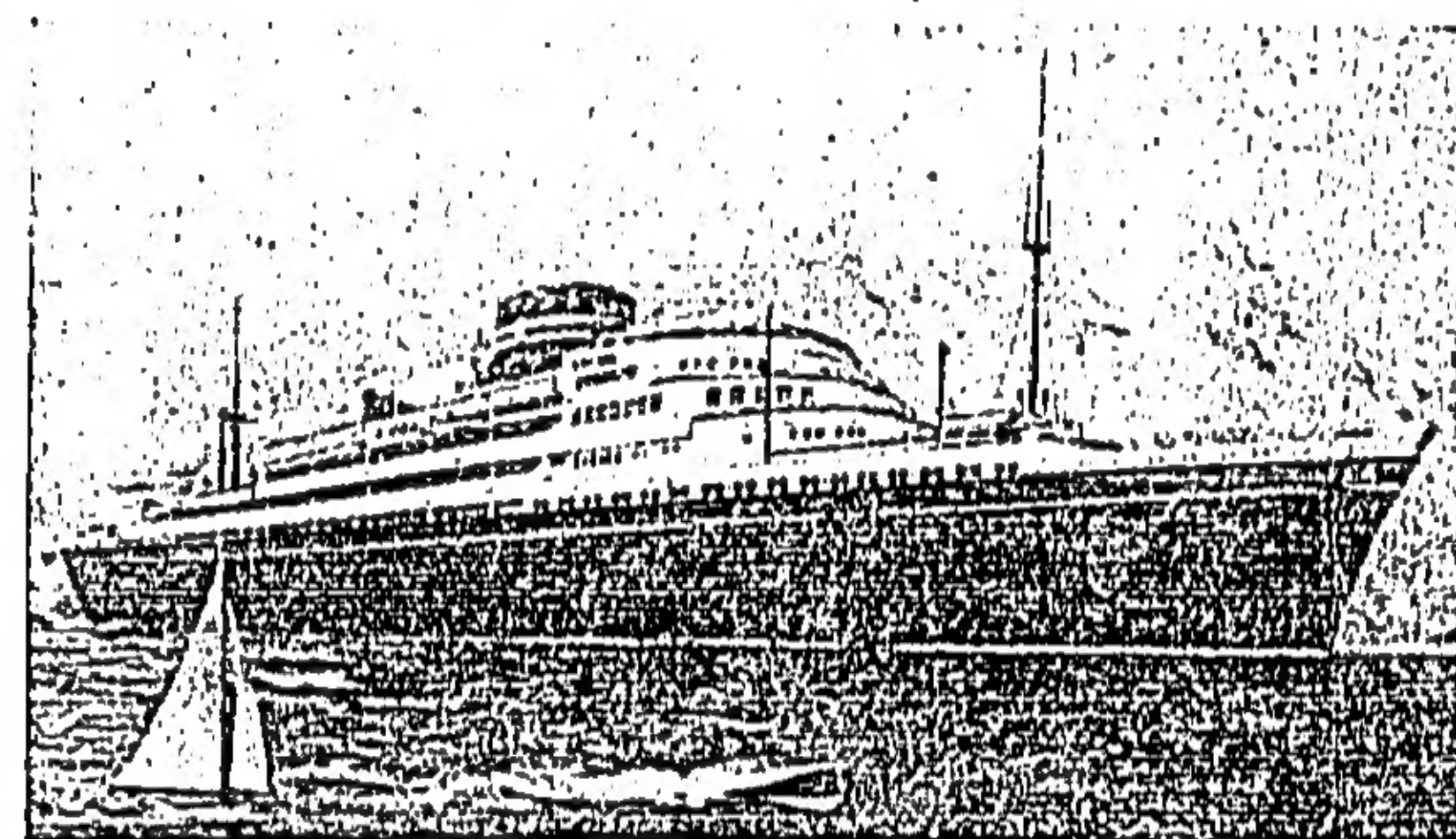
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It is easy enough to say what a chilblain is, but it is by no means so easy to say, medically speaking, what causes it. It is a condition of the skin on the toes, fingers, the sides of the feet, either side of the nose, and even sometimes on the ears) which is a highly exaggerated reaction to severe cold or damp. But what makes them do this is another matter.

Theories

There have been many theories. The popular notion that chilblains are due to a poor circulation is probably very close to the truth. A shortage of calcium in the blood was blamed for the trouble for a while, but recent research has proved that in most cases no shortage exists.

Some scientists contend that the root of the matter lies in a delayed clotting power of the blood. And French medical writers see a connection between chilblains and a possible predisposition towards tuberculosis.

First Step

A child or young person who is repeatedly affected by chilblains should be thoroughly overhauled by a doctor as a first step towards recovery. For although we have not yet pinned down the actual cause, it is well known that certain conditions of ill-health are frequently found in association with chilblains, and if these conditions are removed, the chilblains have a way of vanishing as well.

Under-nourishment; any source of chronic infection (such as tonsillitis, decayed teeth, etc.); endocrine imbalance (such as that caused by a thyroid, chronic constipation; any mild kidney or heart condition; and, possibly, a tubercular predisposition; any one of these or similar "below par" conditions of health may have to be

By Dr. Mary Anthony

tackled strenuously before hoping to put the blood stream and its vessels into such a buoyant state that winter cold and damp will spell exhilaration rather than painful itchy masses of chilblains.

Remedies?

But what is the poor sufferer to do right now who finds himself rubbing and scratching at hot painful chilblains?

There is a considerable amount that he can do. Let us take the simple home measures first. Although above we seem to have turned down the theory of calcium shortage as the origin of the trouble there is no doubt whatever that giving calcium works wonders in many cases. And so a visit to the chemist for some calcium tablets is a wise step.

A full varied winter diet with an ample supply of vitamins—which signifies plenty of milk, fresh fruit and vegetables—will help.

Sufficiently warm clothing to prevent sudden chilling at any time. Warm and sufficiently loose stockings and gloves—the silk-stocking wearer who has failed to discover the cheap flesh-coloured woolen understockings for winter deserves her chilblains.

Now the chilblain itself must be attended to. If the skin is unbroken the following makes an old and useful remedy. Sleep the affected part in a bowl containing equal parts of hydrogen peroxide (15 vol.) and boiling water for 5 to 10 minutes once a day. Dry thoroughly and friction gently. Then apply a stimulating ointment (such as methyl salicylate ointment or iodex).

If this is carried out at night, the chilblain may be painted in the morning with varnish iodine (which does not stain) or with a paint of Friar's Balsam and menthol (which can be purchased at any chemist's).

Of course, it is quite a different matter if the skin is broken. Then the treatment lies in applying hot hydrogen peroxide compresses, followed by a soothing ointment spread on clean lint. And more vigorous treatment may be tried later when the skin is healed.

There is yet a tremendous amount which can be done for the chronic

sufferer—but, as I said before, a visit to the doctor is the wise prelude.

The doctor may decide to hasten the calcium treatment by a short course of "colloidal calcium" injections. He may decide (especially in the case of over-fat and rather childish adolescent girls) that thyroid extract is called for. He may order a course of galvanic hand or foot baths.

In feet or leg chilblains he may recommend bandaging the legs (as in various cases in his work. And more than likely he will wish to give his patient a course of ultra-violet ray treatment, both generally and directly on the affected chilblains.

Common Sense

So far I have not said a word about what we might call the common sense treatment of chilblains. This is so bound up with the prevention of chilblains that I wanted to leave it last for emphasis.

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New Necklaces

NECKLACES are to be short, heavy, and elaborate this season. Plain beads seem to have gone out of favour with the exception of pearls, and these are not worn in single strands.

When seed pearls are used some necklaces are made up of as many as six rows. Where larger pearls are used three rows are considered sufficient. Pink is the favourite colour, and often one necklace will have three shades, the top row being coming deeper until the bottom row is made with pearls of deep rose.

The most fashionable necklaces, however, are much more "barbaric" than these. Heavy gold chains have large clusters of enamelled leaves and flowers, small, flat gold plates cut leaf-shaped, or filigreed gold balls hanging from them.

Jewellery sets comprising necklace, bracelet, brooch, and ear-rings in gold thickly loaded with pearls or enamelled flowers are also popular. One set seen recently was decorated with large, smoky pearls set in the form of bunches of grapes; while in another the necklace and bracelet consisted of four rows of small blue diamonds set on gold links, with a brooch and ear-rings of blue diamonds on gold to match.

Charming necklaces and bracelets are also made of oxidized "metal" medallions in a conventional floral design, strung together on a thin chain. These, while being in the most up-to-date tradition, have the advantage of being more easily worn by some people than the more flamboyant gold and gem jewellery.

From France come shell necklaces of various kinds, but all of them in the new outside form.

In some of these pieces of mother-of-pearl the size and shape of a mussel are strung on a thick silk cord. In others the mother-of-pearl is cut in a fancy design, or is shaped like an oyster, with a tiny pearl fixed to it.

There are some necklaces made up of pearl shells with small scarlet cowrie shells lying in them, and some in which the pieces of mother-of-pearl are interspersed with pearls and beads.

Small pearl-tinted periwinkle shells form other necklaces. D. L.

House Hints

TO remove mould from furniture, put two teaspoonsful ammonia into a pint of boiling water, and sponge the furniture with it. Wipe dry, and polish with a rag moistened with polish to which oil of lavender has been added.

To clean a soiled clothes line, wrap it round a washboard, and scrub with soap and water. Rinse under the tap and dry out of doors. Stiff paint brushes will again become pliable if soaked bristle-deep in vinegar that is heated almost to boiling point.

To renovate winter dresses and hats, first dissolve one dessertspoonful of table salt in half-pint cold water. Add one teaspoonful each of vinegar, methylated spirit, ammonia, and gum water, and mix thoroughly together. Pour into a bottle and cork tightly, and use this solution as required. G. G. T.

PRUNE SALAD

PRUNE salad makes a delicious accompaniment to cold meat dishes. Soak ½ lb. prunes overnight in ½ pt. water and then stew them slowly in the water in which they have been soaked with the addition of ½ oz. sugar and the juice of half a lemon. When tender, pass the prunes through a sieve and pile the puree in a dish. Sprinkle with chopped almonds and surround with water-cress or lettuce leaves. B. M.

Liver And Spaghetti

TRY a large, chopped onion with 1 lb. liver cut into thin slices, toss them in seasoned flour and fry the liver till nicely browned. Then place all in a pie-dish and season with chopped parsley and more salt and pepper if necessary. Add 1 cupful sliced tomatoes and bake in a slow oven about ½ hour. Cook 4 ozs. spaghetti in boiling salted water till tender. Drain it and spread over the liver, sprinkle with grated cheese and return to the oven for 10 minutes longer. B. M.

Cheese Paste

Here is a good way of making ¼ lb. cheese go nearly as far as 1 lb. Cut ¼ lb. cheese into small pieces. Break down 1 dessertspoon cornflour to a smooth paste with ½ teaspoon mustard and 1 teaspoon milk. Season with pepper and a tiny pinch salt. Bring all slowly to the boil and boil 2 minutes. Pour into small jar. When cold spread on bread or toast instead of butter. Isobel

Many Lives Saved

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Worth Remembering

THE taste of burnt milk can be removed by adding to the milk whilst still hot a pinch of salt and a pinch of castor sugar.

If a small piece of washing soda is added to the blue water when washing clothes there will be no more streaky marks.

To shine shoes quickly do not brown or blacken. Rub over with a piece of orange, let the juice dry on, then polish in the usual way.

For dirty marks on fuller's earth and water. Spread it well over the stains and leave to dry. Remove with a coarse flannel cloth.

Medicine stains on silver spoons should be rubbed off with methylated spirit. Afterwards wash the spoons in hot soapy water.

Stains caused by hard water on white porcelain baths can be removed by rubbing with a cut lemon dipped in fine salt.

Olive oil is a safe and suitable medium for polishing and cleaning all sorts of oxidized metals and is always to be used for bronze and chromium. D. F.

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Crossword Puzzle

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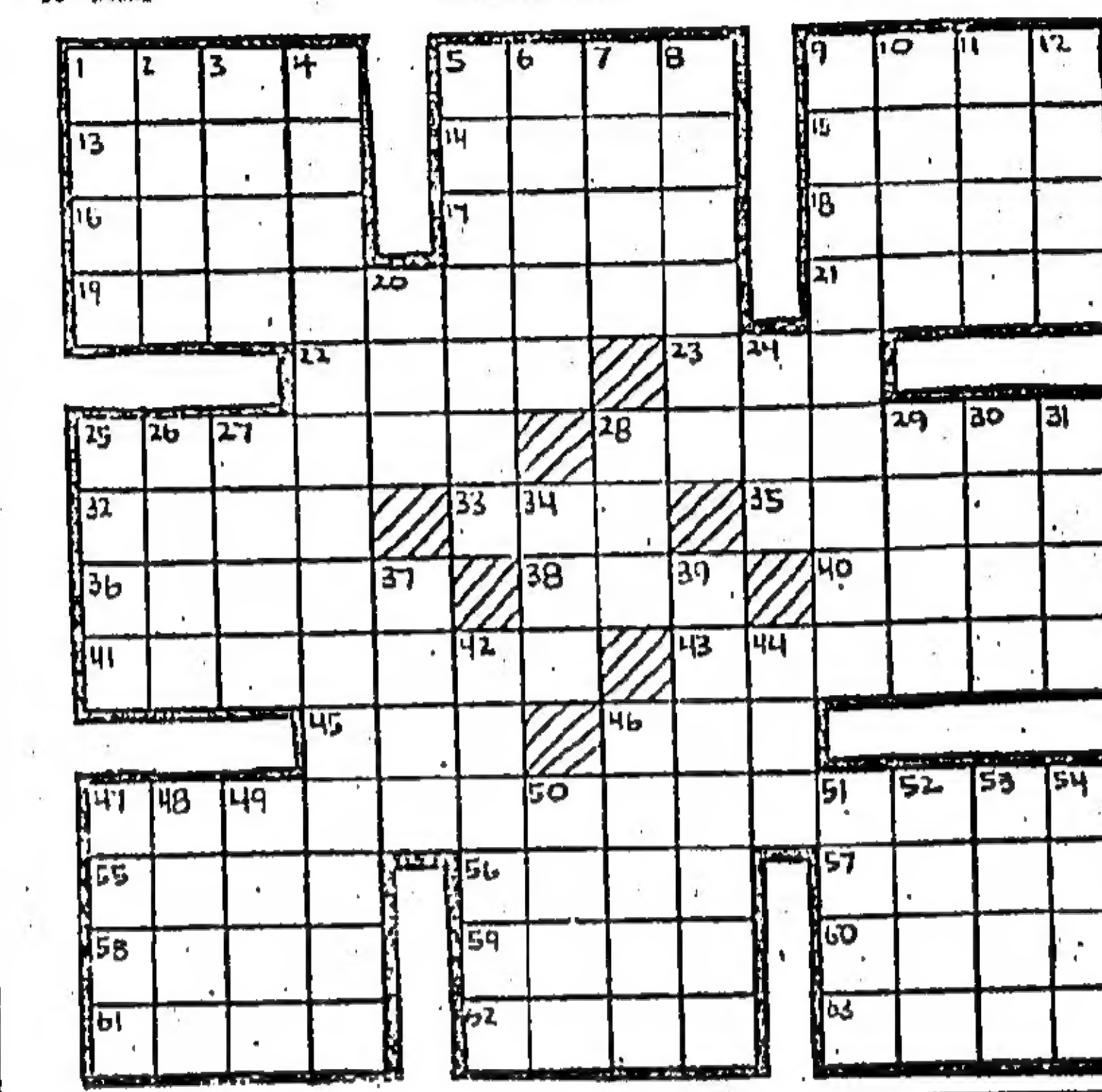
ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 41,350 square feet
- Type of gun
- Palace
- Albanian Indian
- Light-yellowish
- Scandinavian
- Vegetable
- Drama metal
- Revolving drama
- Boatman
- Chief number of
- Metre
- Fundamental unit
- Mode of orientation
- Unit measure
- Celtic name meaning
- Part of furnace
- Shrub of Dalmatian
- In addition to
- Timothy
- Mark of fish
- Those who finish
- Famous father of 18th century
- Ships' initials
- State of never being
- Building
- North direction
- Island

DOWN

- Exclamation to attract attention
- Central part
- Section of track from church
- Treated with extreme contempt
- Not in order
- Not-forming foot
- Not in order
- Unit of weight
- Unit of weight
- Water barrier
- In English Latin
- Island
- With wings
- Victory
- Practice theft
- Combining form
- Unit
- Line exit
- Leaves by use
- Food for food
- With main name of
- Wading bird
- Breathing organ
- Ingenious transaction
- Open space
- Promontory
- Dueling sword
- Location
- Mark left or wound



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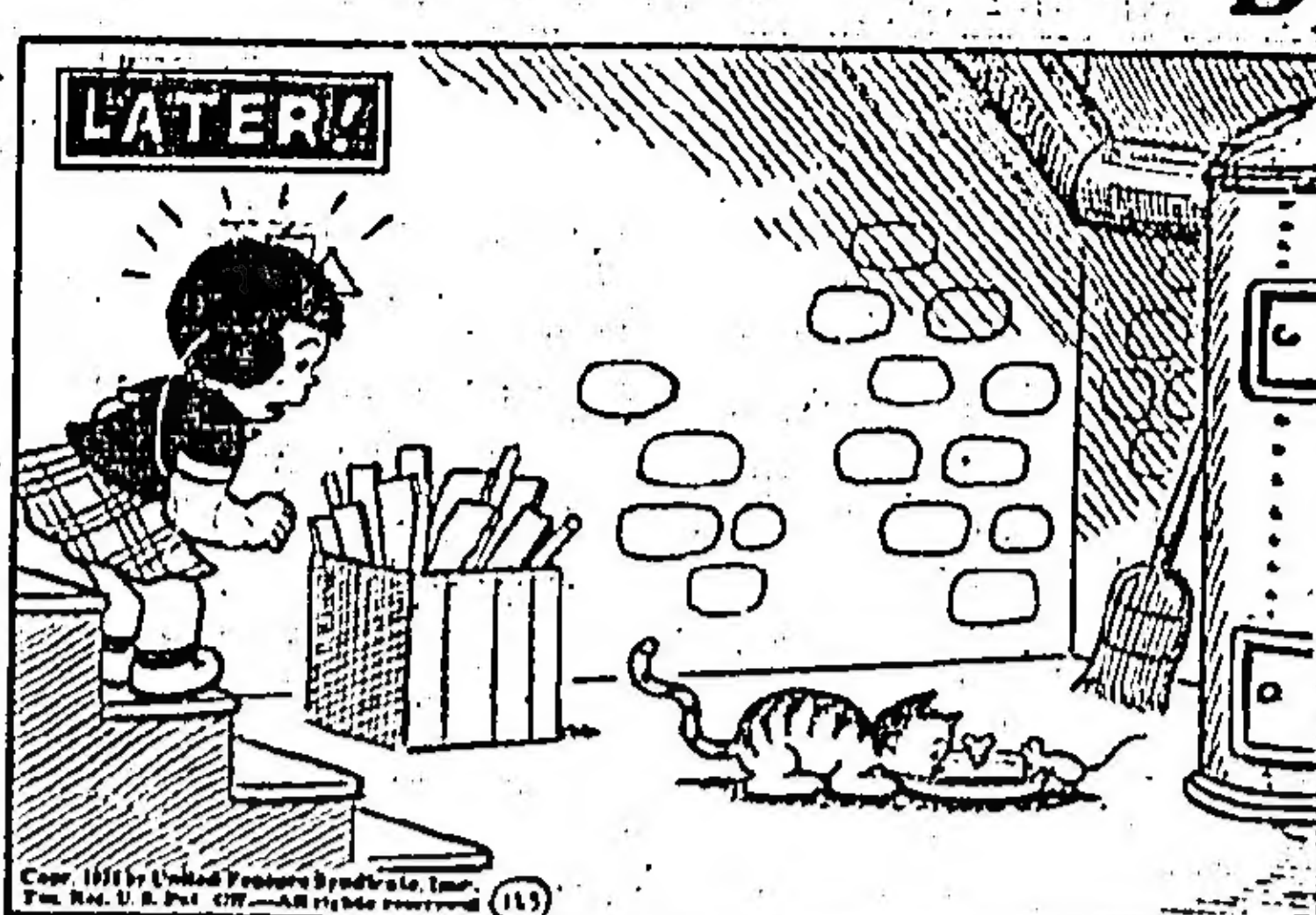
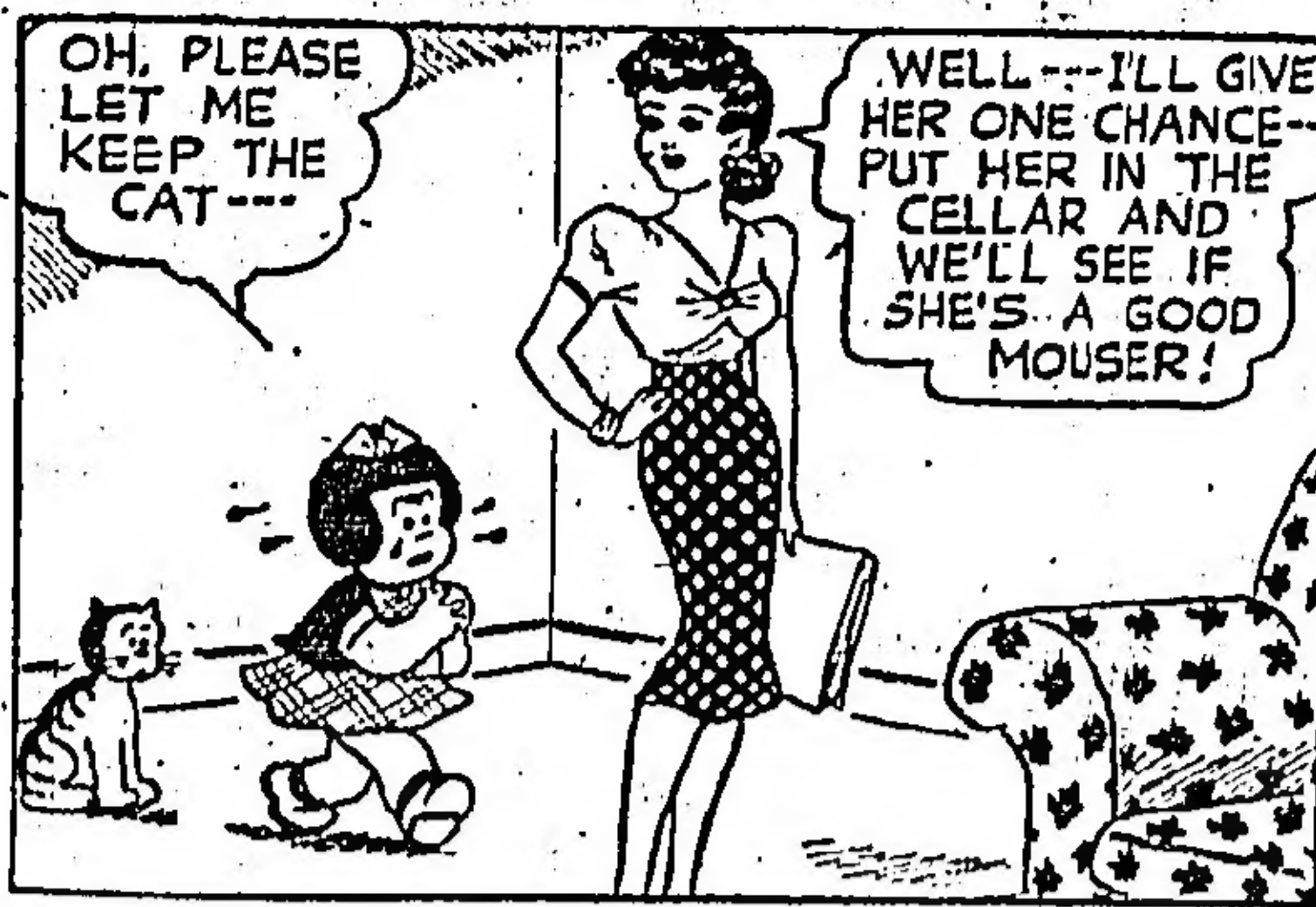
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By Ernie Bushmiller

RAIDER IN SEA SHOT HIMSELF

A GERMAN flying officer brought down in the North Sea during a raid on Britain is believed to have committed suicide rather than endure any longer the misery of long exposure in the water.

His was one of two airmen's bodies washed up in Morley, one at Hapburgh, the other at Mundesley, seven miles away. Both had been in the water about three days.

The body at Mundesley, which was in an inflated life jacket, had a bullet wound in the temple. As there was also an empty revolver holster it is thought probable the man shot himself.

The body at Hapburgh had bullet wounds in the eye and leg. These were probably received during an air engagement, for an automatic pistol was in the dead man's pocket. It would have been impossible for him to replace this after turning it on himself.

Mrs. 'Big' Fears Gestapo

AMONG the millions who listen-in to "Big-Hearted" Arthur Askey when he makes his crack at "Old Nasty," there is one who does not laugh any more. She is Mrs. Askey.

All last week Big's wife was hectoring him to "lay-off" Hitler.

"It's because the missus loves me a lot," he said. "She's got the idea that Hitler has branded me as his Public Enemy No. 1 and will get his Gestapo to bump me off in the black-out."

The King, through his Comptroller, asked for a copy of Askey's parody of "Run, Rabbit, Run." It has been supplied by the B.B.C.

U.S. RELEASES SECRET PLANES FOR ALLIES

NEW YORK. SUPER-WARPLANES are made available to France and England through the American War Department's relaxation of their rigid ban on the export of new types of aircraft.

U.S. designers in Los Angeles, centre of the industry, declared that they are now free to sell fighters which will travel at 460 miles an hour or more, and bombers with a speed and range greater than any foreign bomber now in the air.

Most important is Lockheed's secret twin-engined interceptor which has flown across the American continent at a top speed of 460 miles an hour, and which its makers claim can go even faster.



ROYAL OAK SURVIVOR MARRIED

Lt. M. H. Benton, R.N., a survivor of the Royal Oak, with his bride, Miss Winifred Packer, after their wedding at St. Gabriel's, Warwick-square, S.W.

Other types now free for export include:—

A bullet-nosed low-wing pursuit plane, developed by Vultee, which manoeuvres at speeds ranging from 360 to more than 400 miles an hour.

A medium-sized bomber by Douglas, which is claimed to be the fastest bomber in the air. Douglas still refuse to release details of the performance of this plane; and

An attack bomber—also by Douglas—which is claimed to be 20 per cent. better than any European type.

Secret Records

The Douglas Company are now working on a single-engined dive bomber which is said to have broken all performance records in closely guarded secret tests at their factory.

Lockheed's twin-engined plane, the YB-38, was so striking in its potentialities that the U.S. Army Air Corps placed a two million pounds order for the model before its tests were completed.

Through the co-operation of the American High Command all these planes and three other secret models will be made available to Allied purchasers. All are ready to be built in any quantity to order.

HITLER THREAT: '1066 (and all that) AGAIN'

By CHARLES FOLEY

HITLER throws his last card on the poker table of Europe. It is a blood-curdling threat to send the German Navy through a lane of German mines to England and to land on her coasts the first foreign army since William the Conqueror did the trick in 1066.

Nazi suicide squads would float down by parachute to seize England's power stations. Göring's air squadrons would pound London to the dust.

Here is a notion that makes an urgent appeal to the man who shouts to the Reichstag: "There are no more islands now."

And the fact that the plan is wildly impracticable supports the belief that Hitler's new tactic is to scare Britain into peace.

When this move fails—the big attack cannot long be delayed. German divisions are massed at war strength from the North Sea to Switzerland—along 700 miles of German frontier.

Where will the blow fall? The Daily Express military correspondent says there is only one attitude to adopt:—

"With the rapidity of movement possible to-day we must be ready for anything, and we must not be surprised if nothing happens."

The military correspondent suggests that German troop movements may be intended for the present to try our nerves, but—

"There is one very sinister feature in this. The troop moves come at a time when Germany is charging Belgium with unneutral conduct. And the place where the concentration is most intense—except on the French front—is on the Dutch frontier."

"This may mean that Brauchitsch (German Commander-in-Chief) intends to put into practice the old pre-1914 plan of invading Belgium through the Meuse-Loire-Appendix (that strip of Holland that juts down between Belgium and Germany) and so turning the Belgian frontier fortifications."

"The report that German headquarters are at Godesberg on the Rhine border is good for Belgium and Holland."

"On the other hand, one fact makes an immediate attack less likely. This is that there are at present fewer troops in the north than on the Saar. If a big attack on the Low Countries were staged the opposite would be the case."

Hitler's grandiose plan for the invasion of England—Napoleon was bitten by the same germ nearly 140 years ago, but he never got nearer than collecting his men on the French coast—was confined to neutral journalists in Berlin.

Selkirk Pantin, Daily Express staff reporter in Copenhagen, says that Danish reporters were treated to the news that—

1. Hitler is massing a great army and a fleet in north-west Germany ports.

2. The Fuehrer's mysterious daily talks with his war staff concern plans to deposit an overwhelming force in England.

The idea of invading Britain is not a new one in the German mind.

Recently the Deutsche Wehr, journal of the fighting forces, gave some idea of how it might be done—on paper.

A Diversion

"Britain's 'superior navy,'" said the article, "might well be met by the attackers' own fleet, by prepared rows of mines, by submarine flotillas and so on. In fact, the line of attack might be along a sort of lane sheltered by both sides. One could also create diversions to draw the main weight of naval defence to another sector."

Then comes the method of surprise attack—mass landing by parachute.

"An advance detachment of storm-troops and engineers, lightly armed, are landed by parachute. They draw a cordon round the chosen place of attack, they block all roads and railways leading to it. Reinforcements are dropped in the same way carrying heavier arms."

"The third 'wave' brings a greater number of troops with light tanks and flame throwers in large transport planes, which land. Once a foothold is gained the success of the invasion depends on skill and offensive surge."

After that a significant footnote: "The attacker would, of course, time the enterprise to coincide with other operations especially mass air raids."

Note the expression "of course." Because the important German newspaper Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, declared that England could only be crushed in the same way as the Romans crushed the Carthaginians—"by destroying the enemy's capital."

Altogether the attack direct on England sheds a fascinating sidelight on German wish-thinking-cum-propaganda. But Germany's neutral neighbours are not to be deluded again. They believe the thrust will come elsewhere.

Belgium believes that the first attack will fall on Holland. One reason for this is that all German gold deposits in Holland have been withdrawn and sent to Denmark.

Dutch Happy

HOLLAND is not really worried. The Dutch reckon that the Belgians will catch it instead.

Geoffrey Cox, Daily Express staff reporter in Amsterdam, cannot confirm those reports of heavy German troop concentrations on the Dutch frontier.

And the Dutch Government state with official blitheness that there is no sign of a German threat to Holland.

SWITZERLAND is a little nervous. In Fraser, Daily Express correspondent in Basle, says that when telephone communication between Switzerland and Germany was cut last night Swiss soldiers' holiday hurriedly returned to report.

Basle itself—it lies on the French-

Graf Spee conqueror receives warm welcome

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—An extremely warm welcome was given to H.M.S. Ajax when she arrived here to-day on a 48-hour courtesy visit.

The Ajax fired a salvo when she was two miles out of port and this was returned by the Montevideo marine arsenal.

Two special tugs led her to the berth vacated by the cruiser, Uruguay, while ships sounded their sirens and a crowd of thousands of Uruguayans and members of the British colony cheered themselves hoarse.

Observers state that the Ajax shows no traces of her battle with the Graf Spee, which battered hulk she passed on her way into Montevideo.

Large crowds broke through the police cordons time and again. The British Minister to Uruguay and members of the Legation staff went on board and were received by Rear Admiral Sir Henry Harwood and his officers.

To-day, 200 of the crew went out to the Polo Club for a picnic as guests of the Pro-Ally Committee, and another 200 will be similarly entertained to-morrow.

Rear Admiral Harwood and his officers are guests of the British Legation and will be entertained by the Pro-Ally Committee to-day.

It is reported that H.M.S. Achilles, another of the three ships in the Graf Spee battle, is now on her way up the River Plate to pay a similar visit to Buenos Aires and the Argentine Republic.

Welcome To Achilles.

A roaring welcome was given the British cruiser, H.M.S. Achilles, on her arrival here on a courtesy visit. Crowds lined the wharves and cheered lustily.

Thousands of people were kept back by a cordon, and the Police had to restrain the crowd which sought to rush the gangway.

After the cruiser had moored, the German frontier is packed with troops and prepared for any move.

AND FRANCE? Well here's a true story that came in.

The 120,000 French people of Nancy, which lies only an hour's drive behind the Maginot Line, were told that evacuation plans were ready, if they wished to leave.

How many do you think took advantage of the offer?

Just fifty-seven.

Contraband Control

New Methods Now Being Adopted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The tightening of the control of Nazi exports is revealed in a statement by the Ministry of Economic Warfare.

It says that since January 1, it is the normal practice to divert to a control base any ship whose cargo is not wholly covered by certificates of origin issued by Allied Consular officers.

Certain exceptions are still being given for goods ordered and paid for before November 27, and, hardship cases are also taken into account. But many applications for exemption have been refused and some cargoes have been unloaded at the control bases and detained.

Camouflage Attempts

There is increasing evidence, says the Ministry, that certain firms in neutral countries are lending themselves to attempts to camouflage goods of enemy origin as neutral goods, and the necessary steps are being taken to check such traffic.

The statement adds that United States exporters are taking readily to the system of navicerts, and during December, the first month of their operation, applications were made for about 250,000 tons of goods under navicerts.

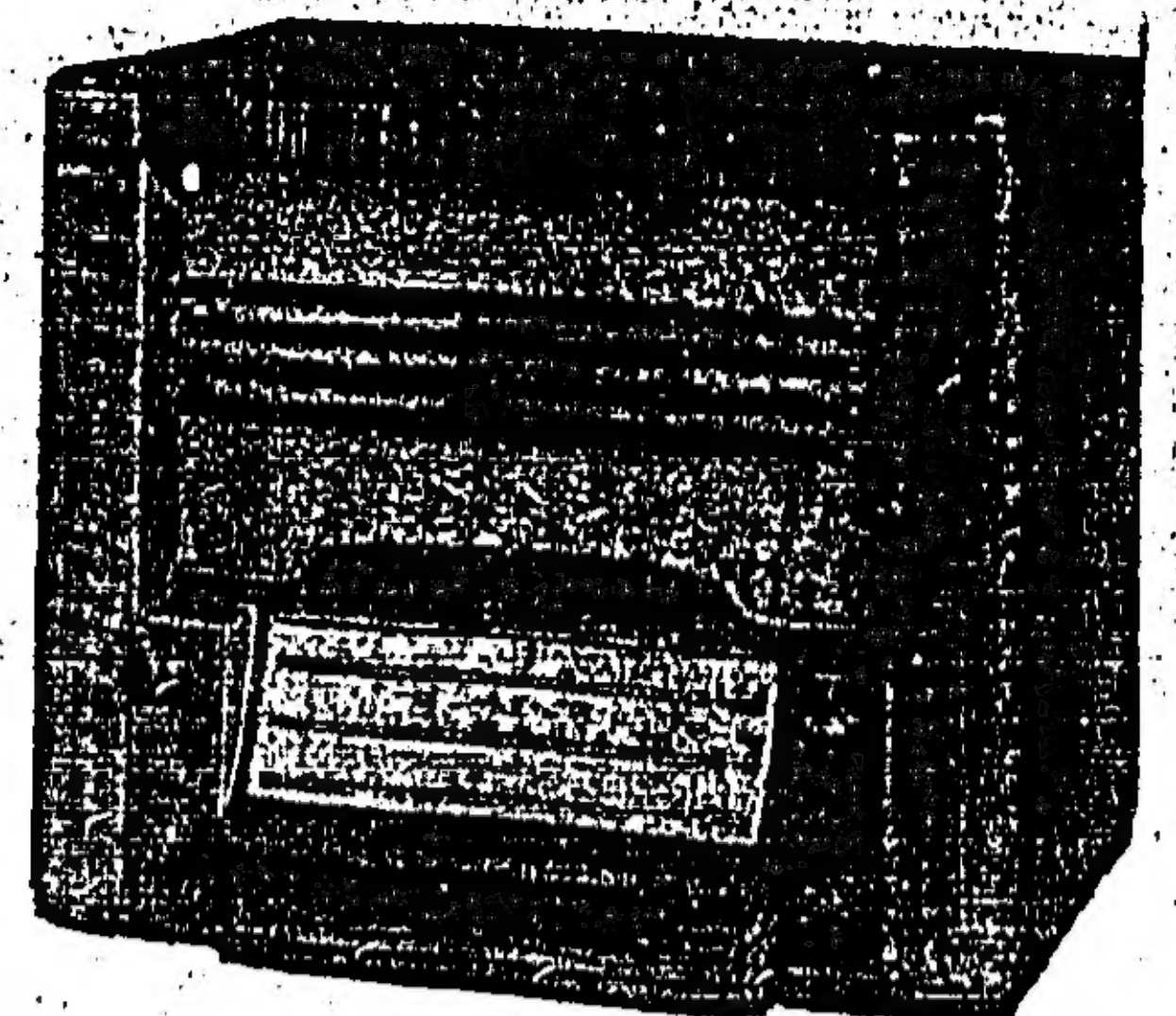
NAZI ASSERTION RIDICULED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" OSLO, Jan. 3 (Reuter).—The German assertion that the Allies, particularly Great Britain, are using the Soviet-Finnish conflict as a lever to obtain "non-neutral" support from the Scandinavian states in their own war is described in the "Dagbladet" as "fantasy."

The journal adds that obviously what Germany fears is that the Allies are seizing the opportunity to weaken Russia, which is coming more and more to be regarded in Berlin as an ally of the Reich.

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"LORD HAW" TELLS A FUNNY ONE

Boy Scouts Blamed
For Sabotage!

LONDON, Jan. 3 (British Wireless).—The commentator facetiously known as "Lord Haw" owing to his mannerisms, who nightly addresses the English public from the German Radio Station and whose comments on affairs are mainly distinguished by grotesque misrepresentations, last night made himself responsible for the following observation:

"Sabotage in Czechoslovak factories is due to the evil influence of British Boy Scouts. This is the conclusion of Yugo-Slav observers, which is being freely mentioned in Belgrade. They point out that companies of these alleged Boy Scouts were accustomed to camp in the areas where sabotage has occurred, and they took advantage of the opportunity to spread anti-German feeling among the local population."

EUROPEAN TACKLES ROBBERS

Shanghai, Jan. 3. The superintendent of the China and Foreign Company, Mr. John R. Nielsen, was attacked in his office by six Chinese thugs armed with Mausers and hand grenades. They demanded Mr. Nielsen to hand over the pay roll of Yuen 8,000. It is believed that the thugs were strike agitators.

Mr. Nielsen seized the gun of the nearest assailant, whereupon the other surprised thugs dashed to the door. The last man threw a hand grenade. It did not explode.

Mr. Nielsen chased the fleeing thugs and grappled with one of them. He took a gun from another and chased away the last thug, who pumped shots at Mr. Nielsen at close range, but did not hit him.

Three hundred employees were huddled at one end of the compound and watched the thugs escape.—United Press.

Push-And-Pull On Border

WASHINGTON Government officials ruled recently that American warplanes bought by the French, British and Canadian Governments could not be flown to Canada under their own power, and could not take off from American soil for flights across the Atlantic.

Under international law, it was ruled, this would constitute an armed expedition.

Experts agreed, however, that there was nothing to prevent planes being flown to the Canadian border and being pushed or pulled across the border without being dismantled.

Once an American plane is across the border there is nothing to prevent it being flown across the Atlantic.

LATE NEWS

In the report on the health of the British Army for the year 1937, issued recently, it is stated that the general health of the troops during the year under review has been most satisfactory.

There was a decrease in the rate of admission to hospital of 14.1 a thousand, compared with the previous year, and the admission rate was only 21.5 a thousand higher than that of 1935, the lowest recorded since the Great War.

The death ratio of 1.67 a thousand, and the ratio of 0.89 a thousand for invalids discharged from the Service are the lowest ever recorded since the Great War.

The number of officers admitted to hospital shows an admission ratio of 187.3 a thousand of the strength compared with 220.4 a thousand in 1936 and 197.8 in 1935. The deaths were 2.16 a thousand of the strength compared with 5.43 a thousand in 1936 and 3.37 in 1935.

Moscow To Aid 'Quake Victims

MOSCOW, Jan. 4 (Reuters).—It is announced that the Council of Peoples' Commissars has decided to contribute \$10,000 for the relief of the earthquake victims in Turkey.

Air Chiefs Will Co-Operate

TORONTO, Jan. 4 (Reuters).—Air Chief-Marshal Brooke-Popham, a member of the British Air Mission, is remaining in Canada to supervise the Empire Air Training Scheme in co-operation with the Chief of Staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Homeside Rationing Next Week

FOUR OUNCES OF BACON A WEEK

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—The Ministry of Food announces that the ration for uncooked bacon and ham beginning on January 8 will be four ounces, and that for cooked, three and a half ounces a week.

The maximum retail prices range from 1s 2d to 2s 1d according to cuts.

The Food Ministry states that it is proposed experimentally to allow catering establishments to serve bacon and ham without surrender of coupons, provided they are consumed on the premises.

How It Is Calculated
Supplies of butter and sugar to the catering establishments will be calculated on the basis of one-sixth of an ounce of butter and one-seventh of an ounce of sugar per meal served including afternoon tea, for which no butter was allowed during the last war.

The arrangements apply to all places of refreshment open to the public, including clubs and canteens.

Shortage Of Materials

HOLD UP IN U-BOAT BUILDING

By A Naval Correspondent
THE Nazi U-boat plan is getting out of gear.

Before the war began Hitler's naval experts assured him that there would always be enough U-boats to make it impossible for Britain to receive sufficient food from abroad.

Two things have gone wrong with the plan.

(1) The German shipbuilding yards are short of skilled labour and materials.

(2) Britain and France are sinking U-boats much faster than Admiral Raeder believed possible.

The fleet yard, engaged exclusively on naval work, cannot find enough skilled men. To keep up its rate of production it has had to increase working hours.

The workers are grumbling—and the quality of their work is suffering. Krupp and some of the Hamburg yards are also affected.

British naval experts laugh at the Nazi claim that she can balance her U-boat losses by the building of new boats.

In 1917, when she had many more raw materials to draw on, Germany put only 87 submarines into commission.

Shipbuilding experts here declare that the Nazis cannot produce more than six U-boats each month.

At least 40 U-boats are believed to have been sunk since the war began.

So, month by month, Hitler's U-boat fleet is getting smaller and smaller.

Army's Health "Satisfactory"

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INTELLIGENT PREPARATION

LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—The Royal Proclamation notifying another two million men of their liability for military service is generally welcomed by the British Press.

Typical of the comment is that of the "Manchester Guardian," which states that this is intelligent preparation.

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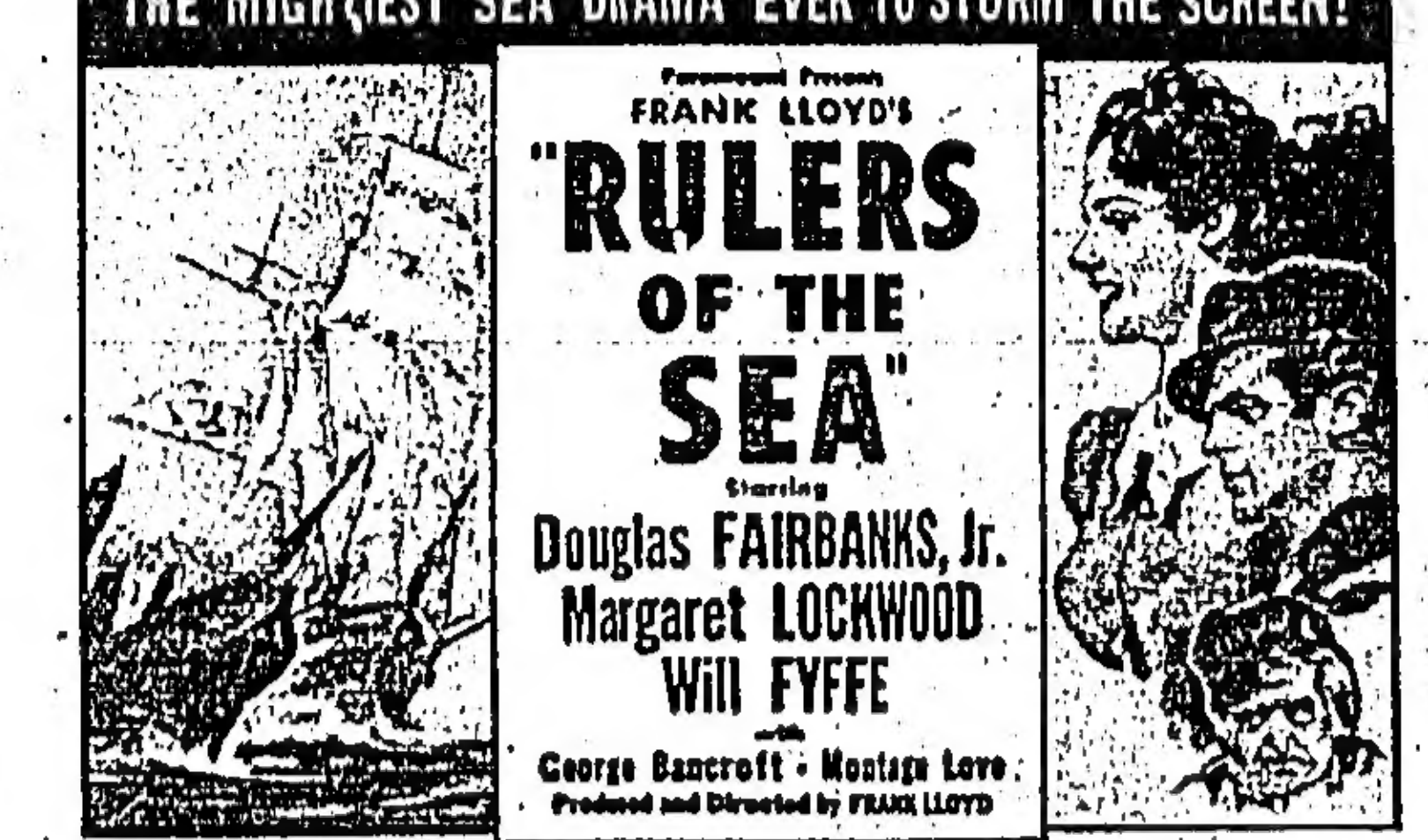
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LONDON, Jan. 3 (Reuters).—London official circles attach no credence whatever, it is authoritatively stated, to the rumours in connection with broadcasts of Russian concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Government have officially denied that there has been any mobilisation of their armed forces, and nothing whatever is known of any mobilisation in Iran.

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